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STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Legoshi has been designated a registered meat offender after consensually eating his friend Louis's leg to give him the strength to defeat Riz, the bear who murdered their friend Tem. Now Legoshi has dropped out of school and is working at Bebebe, an udon noodle shop, as well as dating Haru.

Legoshi helps Beastar Yahya apprehend a mixed-species psychopath named Melon, but Legoshi then takes pity on him and lets him go. Melon returns the favor by trying to kill him–twice. Now Legoshi has teamed up with the Shishi-gumi lion gang and the secret organization Kopi Luwak in order to recapture Melon. But when Legoshi finally gets his paws on him, Melon gives him the slip, leaving Legoshi to hide from the police, who believe he attacked an innocent herbivore.

Meanwhile, in his personal life, Legoshi wakes up to find his comforter stained red and thinks he has killed his beloved Haru. The shock turns his fur pure white. To his relief, it turns out the stains are just spilled tomato juice. Legoshi realizes how much he appreciates Haru for taking the risk of being in a relationship with him, a carnivore.

Legoshi

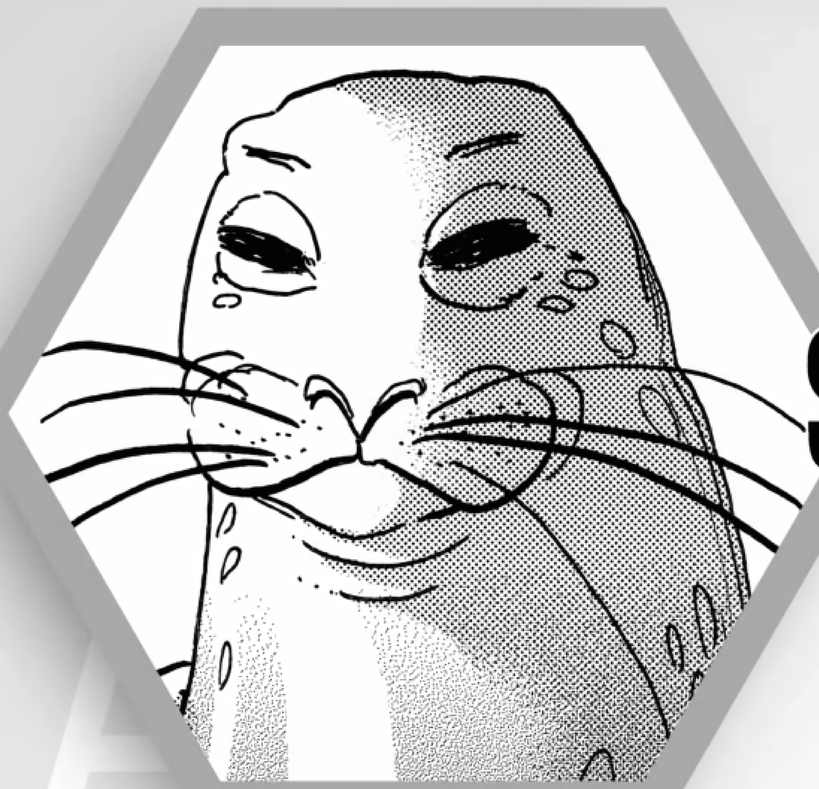
★Gray wolf ♂
★Former Cherryton Academy student
★Ate his friend Louis's leg to defeat Riz
★Lives alone at Beast Apartments

Louis

★Red deer ♂
★Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool
★Former leader of the Shishi-gumi lion gang
★Offered his leg to Legoshi so he could defeat Riz

Haru

★Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
★University student



Sagwan

★Spotted seal ♂
★A half-marine, half-land animal
★Resident of Beast Apartments

Yahya

★Horse ♂
★Current Beastar
★Powerful combatant

Gosha

★Komodo dragon ♂
★Legoshi's grandfather
★Has a history with Beastar Yahya

Melon

★Half-leopard, half-gazelle ♂
★Elephant poacher who sells tusks on the black market

Deshico

★Musk cat ♂
★Head of Kopi Luwak, an organization that conducts research on mixed-species beasts

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Chapter 152:
Are the Scratches on the Walls the School Building's Cry for Help?

I WAS SO DEPRESSED I COULD ONLY TALK TO GRANDPA AND JACK.

MOM DIED WHEN I WAS 12.

LEGOSHI... WHY DON'T YOU ENROLL AT CHERRYTON ACADEMY?

JACK WILL BE GOING TO CHERRY-TON TOO.

...

HE WILL ...?

I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE— WHERE YOUR MOTHER DIED— FOR A WHILE.

IT'S AN INTEGRATED BOARDING SCHOOL WHERE CARNIVORES AND HERBI-VORES ATTEND CLASSES TO-GETHER.

SAY GOODBYE, LEGO-SHI...

SEE YOU, LEGOSHI'S GRANDPA!

SEE YOU...

HI!

IS THIS ROOM 701?

JACK WAS ALWAYS SUR-ROUNDED BY A BRIGHT, GOLDEN AURA...

...JUST LIKE THE COLOR OF HIS FUR.

BE WELL, LEGO-SHI...

JACK... PLEASE WATCH OVER LEGOSHI FOR ME.

I WILL. TAKE CARE, GRAND-PA.

YOU'RE AWFUL SKINNY FOR A WOLF.

Heh heh

NICE TO MEETCHA, LEGOSHI.

THIS IS LEGOSHI. HE'S A GRAY WOLF. WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE PUPS.

MAYBE COMING HERE WAS LIKE COMING HOME... BECAUSE JACK LIVES HERE.

JACK MOTHERED ME AFTER MOM DIED.

YOU'D BETTER CATCH THAT GUY QUICK AND HAND HIM OVER TO THE COPS BEFORE HE DOES MORE DAMAGE.

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... YOU WERE CHASING A FELON, BUT THE POLICE CAME AFTER *YOU* INSTEAD OF HIM?

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YES.

MY SHEDDING SEASON STARTS IN A FEW DAYS. I'D LIKE TO HOLE UP HERE UNTIL MY FUR COLOR IS BACK TO NORMAL.

BUT WHAT IF THE POLICE RECOGNIZE ME OUT ON THE STREETS? THEY THINK I ATTACK HERBIVORES. I CAN'T GO OUT IN PUBLIC.

...

UH... IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

PFF- FFT!

WAG WAG

WAG WAG

WAG WAG

WAG WAG

Very combustible trash

Muji Beast Items

I FEEL SAFE HERE.

THANKS. I'LL BE GONE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

WHATEVER! I'M JUST GLAD TO SEE HIM! YOU CAN STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT. JUST DON'T LET OUR DORM MOTHER SEE YOU.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

OH... YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING DOWN AT CHERRY-TON, DO YOU?

THINGS HAVE CHANGED *A LOT.*

Aha ha ha

HA! YOU LAUGHED FIRST, KOLO! YOU LOSE!

ha...

I THINK LEGOSHI'S TELL-ING THE TRUTH...

YOU SHOULD'VE JUST TOLD US YOU CAME TO VISIT 'CAUSE YOU MISSED US.

YOU'RE A TER-RIBLE ACTOR.

HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE WHEN HE'S BEHAVING LIKE A CHARACTER FROM A THRILLER?!

...SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES HAVE BEEN SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES...

Carni-
vore
floor

NO, NO. YOU'VE GOTTA EAT POULTRY FIRST!

YOU SHOULD START WITH PORK.

URK... THAT'S RIGHT... NOW THAT I LOOK MORE CLOSELY...

...I CAN SEE THINGS ARE BAD...

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE BLACK MARKET YET? WHAT MEAT DID YOU LOSE YOUR MEAT VIRGINITY WITH?

Coexistence and Coprosperity Herbivores and Carnivores gether

quiet! Hide your claws

IS THIS WHY...

...LOOKS SO DOWN?

...JACK...

LABRA-DORS WERE BRED TO BE SMART.

ONLY THE TOP FIVE BEASTS WITH THE BEST GRADES CAN TAKE THAT CLASS. ISN'T HE AMAZING?

JACK ENTERED THE ELITE ADVANCED CLASS THIS YEAR. THAT MAKES HIM **SUPER-ELITE.**

WHEN CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES STUDIED TOGETHER, CARNIVORES NEVER OPENLY SPOKE ABOUT THE BLACK MARKET.

Ca... vore... stop here!

End of Carnivore Floor
- You may bark now.
- Sharp...
- Fangs...

SEEMS TO ME THE NEGATIVE VIBES AT CHERRYTON HAVE ONLY GOTTEN WORSE SINCE CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES HAVE BEEN SEPARATED.

I had pasta for lunch

Here, the weak devour the strong.

Herbivo...

Herbivore Affirmations

Always be strong.
Always be bold.
Always be graceful.
Never give them an excuse to put us down!

POOR JACK... HE MUST FEEL SO AWKWARD AT CHERRYTON NOW.

MAYBE THAT'S WHY I THINK THE HERBIVORE STUDENTS ALL LOOK GLOOMY...

MAYBE I'M JUST IMAGINING IT... FILTERING EVERYTHING THROUGH MY LONGING FOR COEXISTENCE UNTIL IT DISTORTS REALITY.

UM, YES. I'M SORRY.

THIS FLOOR IS HERBI-VORES ONLY!

This is bad. Really bad.

OOPS! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ON AN HERBIVORE FLOOR!

I'M SUR-PRISED TO SEE YOU.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

EH? LEGOSHI!

H-he's... stunning...

Wow...

UM... LONG TIME NO SEE, PINA.

I myself have become more beautiful every day!

HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.

YOUR FUR'S FADED. YOU LOOK EVEN UGLIER NOW.

OTHER BEASTS HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER...

YOU'VE COME BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY?

YO, WOLF! YOU BASTARD!

THE DRAMA CLUB IS STILL GOING STRONG AT LEAST.

LEGO-SHI 2!

LEGO-SHI!

STILL A THUG, HUH?

...

THIS LOSER GOT INTO TROUBLE AGAIN. HE'S LYING LOW HERE TILL THINGS COOL OFF.

YOU'VE TURNED WHITE AGAIN ...

COME ON, PINA... SHOW A LITTLE RE-SPECT!

WE JUST *HAVEN'T BEEN SHUT DOWN YET.*

WELL. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE *REALLY* ACTIVE.

I'M GLAD.

BILL, THE DRAMA CLUB IS STILL ACTIVE?

LET'S HIT THE BOOKS!

HEY! EXAMS ARE COMING UP. YOU CAN TALK TO LEGOSHI AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED STUDYING.

Props

THAT'S HARSH. EXPLAINS WHY YOU'RE ALL STUDYING SO HARD.

THE RULE IS THAT ONLY CLUBS WITH MEMBERS WHO SCORE HIGH ON THE NEXT EXAM GET TO CONTINUE THEIR CLUB ACTIVITIES.

INTEGRATED CLUBS WITH BOTH CARNIVORE AND HERBIVORE MEMBERS HAVEN'T OFFICIALLY BEEN SHUT DOWN YET... BUT WE CAN'T REALLY DO MUCH OF ANYTHING EITHER.

ESPECIALLY SINCE WE'RE THE ONLY CLUB WHERE AN HERBIVORE MEMBER WAS MURDERED AND DEVOURED. WE DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS HAVE TO PROVE OURSELVES TO AVOID GETTING SHUT DOWN.

YEAH. WE REALLY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

Z!

WHAT ...Z

...

I'M SO IMPRESSED. I'M EVEN WILLING TO FORGIVE YOU FOR THE SCARS YOU LEFT ON MY BACK.*

BILL... YOU'RE AN AMAZING CLUB PRESIDENT!

*See volume 2.

I DON'T TELL...

BUT... I STILL VISIT THE BLACK MARKET ABOUT ONCE A MONTH.

OF COURSE I'M A GREAT CLUB PRESIDENT! I'M ALWAYS CLIMBING THE LADDER OF SUCCESS!

Urk

HUHZ! DON'T ACT SO SUR-PRISED!

IS THAT SO WRONG?

THIS IS JUST THE WAY I AM.

I THINK...

UH...

...ANYONE THOUGH. BECAUSE I LOVE OUR HERBIVORE MEMBERS!

Campus

YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION!

Whatever.

WHAT THE HELL?!

...YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB...

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

WE'VE ONLY STUDIED A SMALL PORTION OF OUR HISTORY.

HMPH. I KNOW...

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PREPARE FOR THEM?

BILL! WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT OUR HISTORY EXAMS?

HISTORY

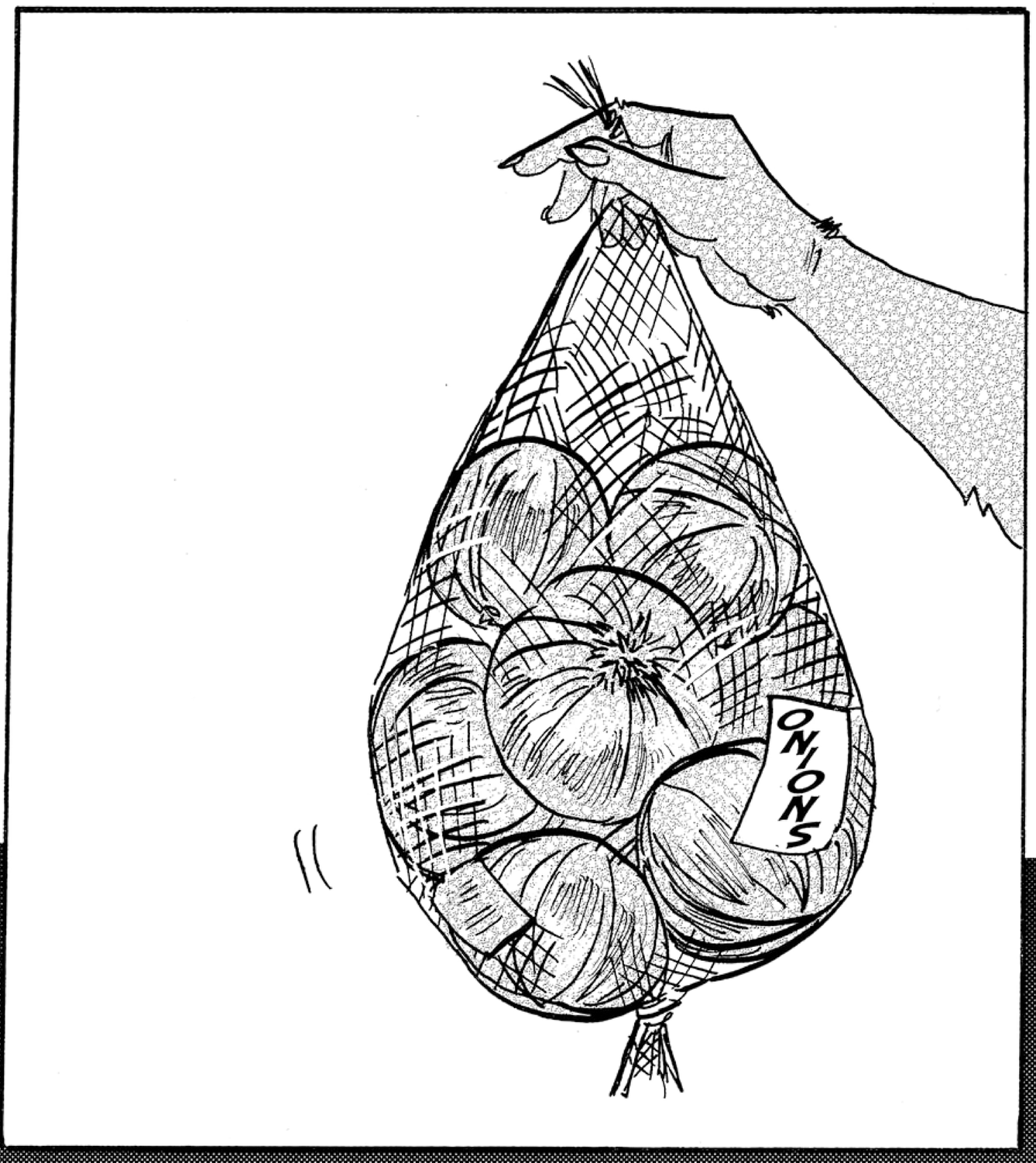
THE SPECIAL CLASS... YOU MEAN THE ONE WITH THE TOP STU-DENTS?

YEAH. I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM.

THE ONLY STUDENTS WHO KNOW THE FULL STORY OF OUR CIVILIZATION ARE THE ONES IN THE SPECIAL CLASS.

THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THE DARKNESS OF SOCIETY.

⚠ Warning! ⚠
Onions are poisonous to Canidae. Consumption may result in serious injury or death.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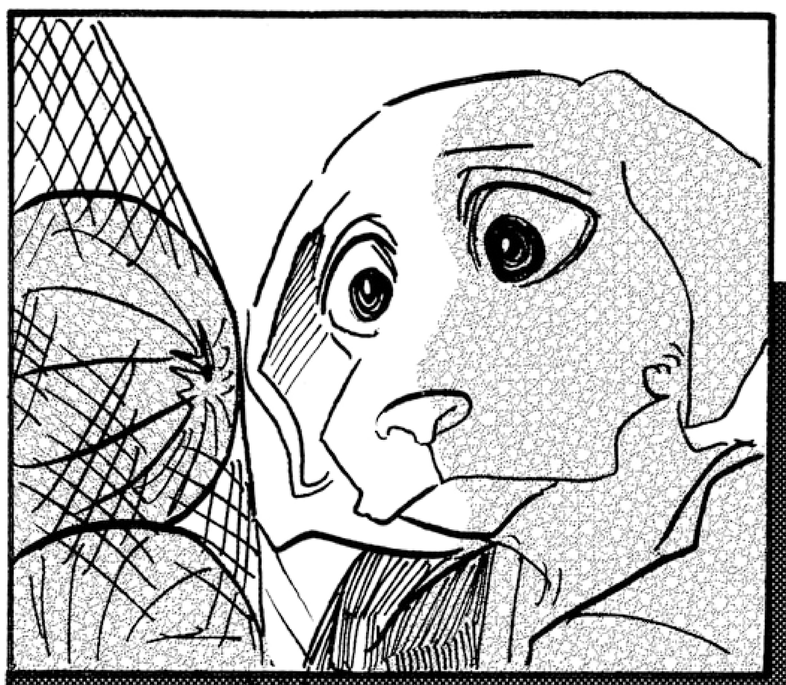
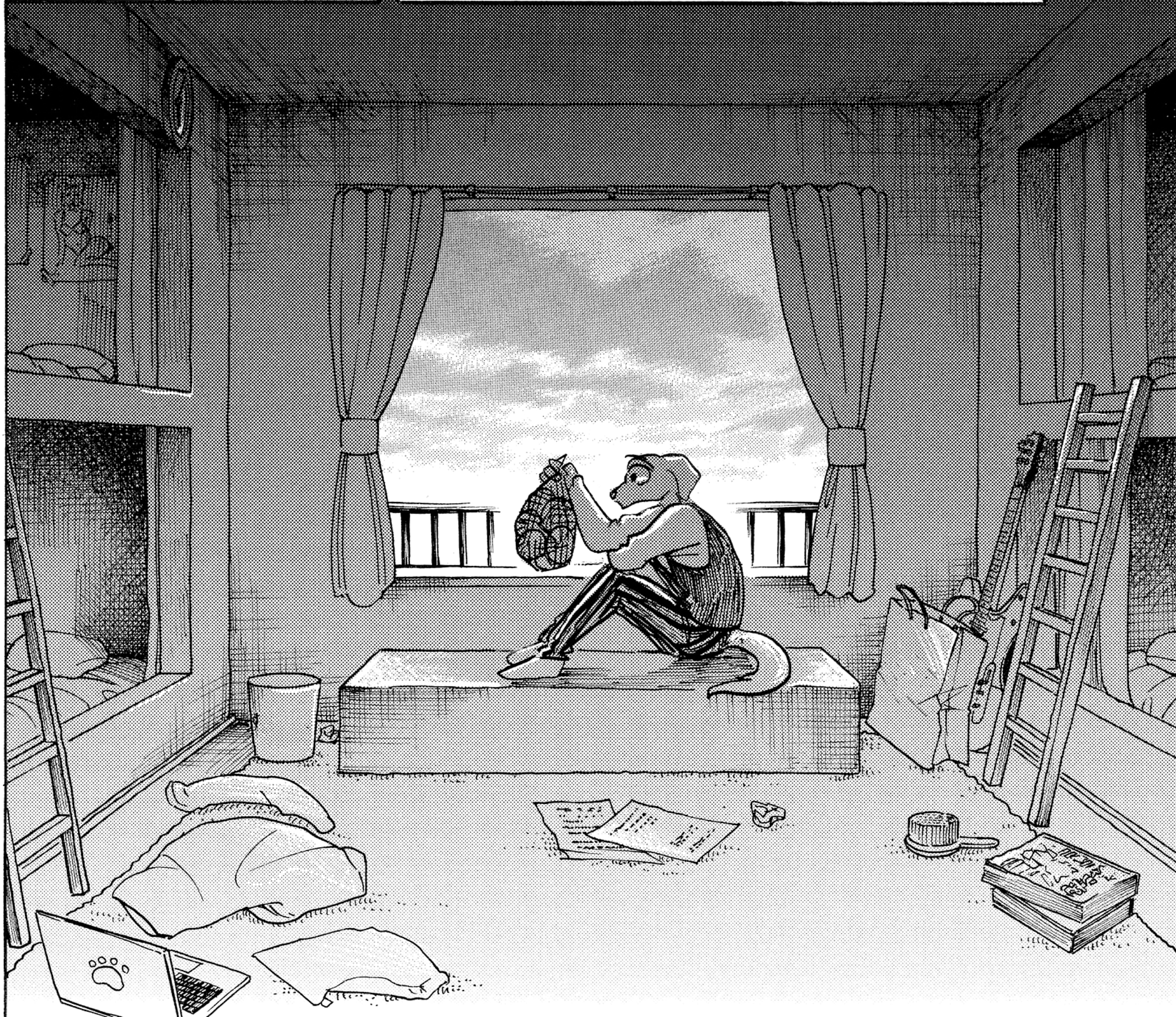




HEY, LEGOSHI!

YEAH?

Chapter 153: The Howl of a Lost Dog Is a Haunting Tune

JACK IS ACTING THE SAME AS USUAL, BUT... HIS TAIL HASN'T MOVED AN INCH.

IT'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT! THAT MUST BE WHY I SMELL SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT. THINK THERE'S A DEEP NIGHT EVENT NEARBY?

YOU'RE RIGHT. I SMELL SOME-THING TASTY TOO.

I'D LIKE TO HEAR A REAL HOWL SOME-DAY.

HOWLING IS SO COOL! DID YOU KNOW WOLVES USED IT LIKE A TELEPHONE IN THE OLD DAYS?

WHEN IT'S A FULL MOON, KOLO AND I LIKE TO TRY TO HOWL.

KOLO

I'D LIKE TO HEAR *YOU* HOWL...

JACK... IS SOME-THING THE MATTER?

...

YOU DON'T SMILE ANY-MORE.

YOU LOOK DE-PRESSED.

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S NOTICED...

...

ONLY THE TOP FIVE STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THE SPECIAL CLASSES, RIGHT? ARE THE LECTURES DIFFI-CULT TO FOLLOW?

OH, AND GUESS WHAT...?

IT'S NOT THAT THEY'RE DIFFI-CULT...

HOW DOES LEGOSHI ALWAYS MANAGE TO SEE THROUGH ME?

I GUESS I'M JUST A LITTLE WORN-OUT FROM MY SPECIAL-CLASS LEC-TURES.

SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH

SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH

ALL FIVE OF THE STUDENTS ARE DOGS?!

DOGS ARE...

IT'S NO SURPRISE REALLY.

WE TURNED OUT EXACTLY HOW OUR CREATORS INTENDED.

...THE ONLY SPECIES BRED FOR INTELLIGENCE.

THE MATERIAL FOR THE SPECIAL CLASS IS TAUGHT VIA VIDEO.

End of the First Carnivore-Herbivore World War

WE STUDY TOPICS EVEN CHERRYTON TEACHERS AREN'T ALLOWED TO TEACH.

WE STUDY THE TRUE HISTORY OF OUR WORLD AND HOW SOCIETY REALLY WORKS.

WE JUST LISTEN AND TAKE NOTES.

SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW, JACK!

DOGS ARE LIKE ROBOTS. WE DO AS WE'RE TOLD.

IT'S ALL TRAGIC AND DEPRESSING. BUT AFTER CLASS, WE JUST SMILE AND GO ON OUR WAY LIKE NOTHING'S THE MATTER.

AND I'M ONE OF THEM.

SEE YA!

THESE CLASSES SHOW US THE WORST SIDE OF BEASTS. SO WHY AREN'T I FULL OF HATE?

WHY DON'T I CRY AND RUN AWAY?

IT'S BECAUSE DOGS WERE DEVELOPED NOT TO HAVE NEGATIVE EMOTIONS.

...Z!
THAT'S AN ONION!

...FORCING MYSELF TO CRY.

SO I'VE BEEN...

WE CAN'T EAT ONIONS!

STOP, JACK!

I'VE STARTED CARRYING ONIONS AROUND WITH ME. CANIDAE HATE THIS VEGETABLE...

BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE A LABRA-DOR IF I CAN'T CRY!

I HAVE TO GET BACK... MY PAINFUL EMOTIONS.

...BUT IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE ME.

Jack is left-handed.

SHK

IF THINGS DON'T CHANGE, CANIDAE WILL BECOME DICTATORS AND RULE THE WORLD!

OUR SPECIES IS CAPABLE OF COMMITTING ATROCITIES IF WE'RE TOLD THAT'S THE ***RATIONAL*** THING TO DO! DOGS TERRIFY ME! AND I'M A DOG!

SHK

HOW DO YOU KNOW Z

SHK

D- DOGS WILL BECOME DICTA- TORS ...Z!

THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. I DON'T SEE DOGS THAT WAY AT ALL!

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE Z!

YOU'RE JACK!

THE REASON YOU CAN'T HATE OTHER BEASTS ISN'T BECAUSE YOU'RE A DOG, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE *YOU*.

GRAB

BECAUSE WE...

...GREW UP TO-GETHER.

BUT YOU GREW UP AND LEFT ME BEHIND.

WE DID FOR A WHILE.

TOGETH-ER?

WOLVES AND DOGS ARE ALIKE... YET DIF-FERENT.

WHEN-EVER I LOOK AT YOU, I'M FORCED TO FACE THE TRUTH...

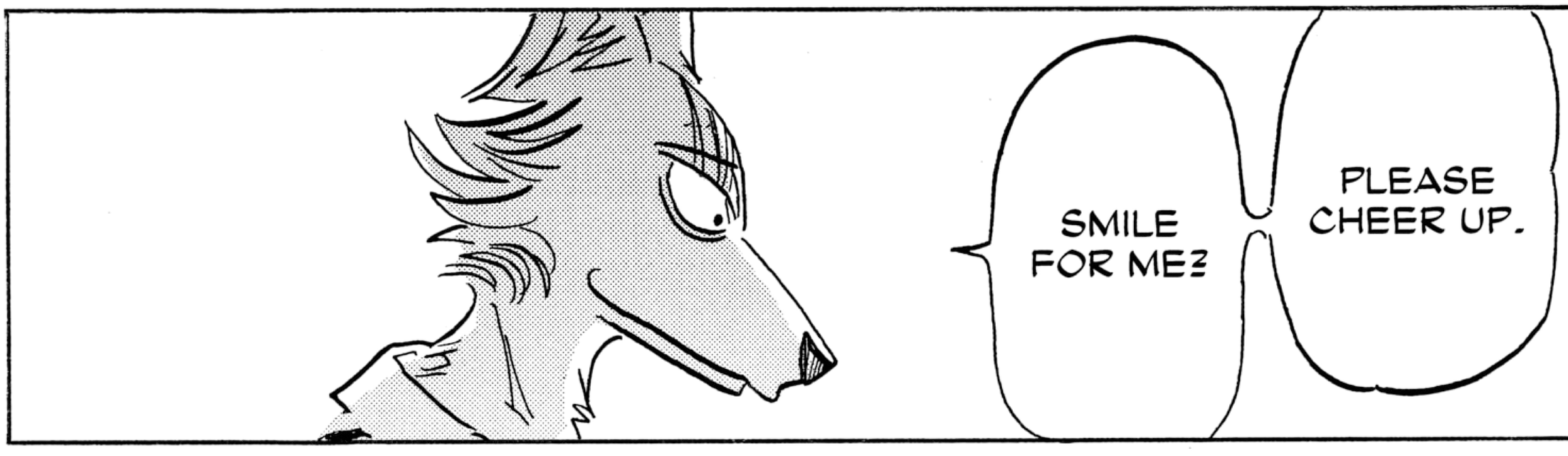
...TO GO PLACES I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE...

YOU'RE FREE NOW...

YOU GOT SO BIG AND STRONG.

MY ANCESTOR...

YOU'VE BECOME SO POWER-FUL...


SMILE FOR ME?
PLEASE CHEER UP.

URK
CHOMP
HEY!

GRAB

MPH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THAT STUFF CAN KILL YOU!

EVEN LABRA-DORS CAN BE REBEL-LIOUS SOME-TIMES!

JACK, YOU IDIOT! SPIT IT OUT! IF A DOG EATS ONIONS—

Y-YOU THINK I'LL OBEY YOU BECAUSE I'M A DOG, DON'T YOU? NO MATTER WHAT YOU TELL ME TO DO?

I'M GOING TO STICK MY FINGERS ...

SPIT IT OUT!

...DOWN YOUR THROAT!

owww

I'M SORRY, BUT I WON'T LET YOU EAT ONIONS! YOU COULD DIE!

URK... STOP IT! GAHHH!

I'LL MAKE YOU THROW IT UP.

AHH-HH! BLEA-AAGH ...

ARRGHHHH.

...AND HURTS ME! BUT... HE ALSO PROTECTS ME...

LEGOSHI'S FINGERS AND CLAWS ARE SCRATCH-ING THE BACK OF MY THROAT...

IT HURTS. I CAN'T BREATHE.

THIS IS WHAT LEGO-SHI DOES.

LEGO-SHI IS AG-GRES-SIVE...

HE'S AL-WAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.

TEACHER! THEY'RE FIGHTING!

HOW CAN WE BE FRIENDS?!

HEY!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING? YOU OUGHT TO BE FRIENDS!

...I'D BE ABLE TO SAY...

HOW COULD I FORGET? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ATTACKED YOU SINCE THAT DAY. IF THAT TEACHER WERE HERE NOW...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, YOU CRAZY WOLF?

AFTER WHAT YOU JUST DID TO ME?!

THAT'S THE TRUTH.

...FOR-EVER.

...WE *ARE* FRIENDS ...

I'VE RARELY DONE THIS BECAUSE I'M SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT... BUT THIS IS A SPECIAL NIGHT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE TOLD ME WHAT YOU'RE REALLY THINKING AND FEELING. SO NOW I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU...

I'VE NEVER HEARD LEGOSHI HOWL BEFORE.

KOROROFF

...AND THE MOST AMAZ-ING BEAST I KNOW.

YOU'RE MY ANCES-TOR...

WHAT WILL HE THINK IF I TELL HIM...?

LEGOSHI... DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'VE BEEN LEARNING IN MY ADVANCED CLASS?

Chapter 154: Teacher Jack's History Lesson

Return Tray Here

THERE'S NO NEED TO SEGREGATE THEM WITH SEPARATE HOURS FOR CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES BECAUSE STUDENTS OF THE SAME ORDER TEND TO SIT TOGETHER ANYWAY.

CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES STILL SHARE THE MAIN DINING HALL.

THEY WERE DOING THAT BEFORE CARNI-VORES AND HERBIVORES WERE SEPA-RATED INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES.

MILK

I DON'T KNOW... ANYWAY... WE'VE BEEN STUDYING THE HISTORY OF OUR SOCIETY. YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU...

BUT FIRST... ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO TELL AN OUTSIDER?

RSTL RSTL

GO AHEAD... TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING IN YOUR SPECIAL CLASS.

CHAK

BECAUSE OUR HISTORY IS BRUTAL AND TRAGIC.

OR YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SLEEP AFTER YOU'VE HEARD WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!

I'M REALLY CURIOUS NOW...

(Doesn't seem convinced)

IT IS?

OH, I LOST WEIGHT AFTER I STARTED LIVING ALONE. I THINK I'M ABOUT 165 POUNDS NOW.

HM...

BY THE WAY... HOW TALL ARE YOU? HOW MUCH DO YOU WEIGH?

WHAT? UM... I'M OVER SIX FEET. I WEIGH...

YOU'VE GOT A GOOD BUILD.

YEAH.

WIRY BUT TOUGH.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING? MY BUILD IS JUST AVERAGE.

YOU ONLY THINK IT'S AVERAGE BECAUSE YOU LIVE IN THE PRESENT AGE.

AND IT'S NOT JUST STUDENTS OR YOUNG BEASTS.

MIDDLE-AGED WORK-ERS ARE ALSO GETTING SMALLER EVERY YEAR.

LOOK AROUND YOU. EVERYONE'S SLENDER.

BEING SLIM IS VALUED IN OUR MODERN SOCIETY. BEASTS OF THIS ERA ARE BECOMING SLIMMER EVERY YEAR.

THIS WAS BACK IN THE DISTANT PAST...

...WHEN CARNIVORES WERE STILL...

THEY WERE HUGE AND FEROCIOUS.

CARNIVORES USED TO HAVE A LOT MORE FAT AND MUCH BIGGER MUSCLES.

THE FIRST OVERWEIGHT GROWN-UP I'VE EVER SEEN IS SAGWAN— AND HE'S A'MARINE ANIMAL.

OH, HE'S RIGHT... GOHIN SAYS HE HAS A BEER BELLY, BUT HE'S NOT OVER-WEIGHT OR ANYTHING.

...CALLED LIFE-EATING BEASTS.

THEY PROTECTED AND SUPPORTED THEIR COMRADES.

THE AVERAGE HEIGHT OF LIFE-EATING BEASTS WAS NINE FEET TEN INCHES! THEIR AVERAGE WEIGHT WAS 440 POUNDS! THEY WERE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT. THEY HAD STRONG SOCIAL TIES.

AFTERWARD, THE WINNER *ATE* THE LOSER.

BUT THEY WERE ALSO FEROCIOUS. WHEN THEY HAD CONFLICTS, THEY'D FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

AND THEN THEY ENCOUN-TERED...

ONLY THE STRONGEST SURVIVED. THEIR POPULATION DIDN'T INCREASE, BUT REMAINED STABLE. THEIR CIVILIZATION DIDN'T ADVANCE MUCH EITHER.

THEY ATE *LIFE*. THAT'S WHY THEY WERE CALLED LIFE-EATING BEASTS.

...NATURE-EATING BEASTS...

...WHO WE CALL HERBIVORES IN OUR ERA.

!!
TILT

THE STRANGE THING IS...

...LIFE-EATING BEASTS FELT PROTECTIVE TOWARD THE NATURE-EATING BEASTS.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN A SURVIVAL INSTINCT. MAYBE THEY THOUGHT THEY'D PROFIT BY JOINING FORCES WITH NATURE-EATING BEASTS.

NO, THEY DIDN'T. AND THEIR COOPERATION LED TO RAPID DEVELOP-MENTS IN CIVILIZATION.

YOU MEAN... THEY DIDN'T FIGHT THE FIRST TIME THEY MET?

THEY ACCEPTED LIFE-EATING BEASTS INTO THEIR SOCIETY.

NATURE-EATING BEASTS THRIVED THANKS TO THEIR HIGH REPRODUCTIVE RATE.

THEIR BODIES BECAME LIKE OURS BECAUSE THEIR LIFESTYLE CHANGED AND THEY LIVED IN PEACE.

THEY ACQUIRED PROTEIN BY EATING EGGS AND DRINKING MILK.

AFTER A LONG TIME TOGETHER, LIFE-EATING BEASTS BECAME MORE PEACEFUL.

THAT WAS THE MOST PEACEFUL ERA. THE CARNIVORE-HERBIVORE WORLD WAR OCCURRED AFTER THAT— A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. AND IT WAS BAD. REALLY BAD...

RIGHT. THAT'S THE TIME PERIOD WE ALL STUDY IN SCHOOL.

CONFLICTS NATURALLY OCCUR WHEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEASTS LIVE TOGETHER. AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS.

YEAH?

BUT THAT WAR WAS SO BRUTAL THAT... THEY CHANGED THEIR NAMES.

THEIR... NAMES?

...HERBI-VORES.

THE GROUPS WERE NOW CALLED CARNI-VORES AND...

YOU'VE BEEN USING THE CHAOS OF WAR AS AN OPPORTU-NITY TO EAT US! YOU'RE MEAT-EATING CARNI-VORES!

SOMETHING'S WRONG... OUR POPULATION USED TO BE THREE TIMES GREATER THAN YOURS, BUT NOW OUR NUMBERS ARE EQUAL. AND OUR DEAD HAVE BEEN DISAPPEARING WITHOUT A TRACE...

...WE'LL DEVOUR ALL OF YOU.

PLEASE... PLEASE SURRENDER, HERBI-VORES... IF THIS WAR CONTINUES...

GIVE US THE OPPOR-TUNITY TO ATONE FOR OUR SINS!

2!

THE WAR HAS RUINED EVERY-THING! WE PROMISE WE'LL NEVER EAT YOU AGAIN IF YOU SURREN-DER!

BEAST

WE DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THE CIVILIZATION WE'VE BUILT TOGETHER!

RRRMBL

UH... AND THEN... WELL...

RRRMBL

RMBL

...THIS HUGE WHALE...

Watch your step

Step tail

...AND PUT AN END TO THE WAR!

Eggs needed! Looking for hen students OO

Before you eat
- Wash your hands.
- Wash your fur.
- Wash your claws.

Beastars graphic novels on sale now!

Teenagers, don't go into heat.

Molting Season
You're shedding too much fur. Try not to shed so much.

Warning:
Small animals shouldn't get on tables. You might get eaten by mistake.

...AP-PEARED OUT OF NO-WHERE...

THE HERBIVORES SURRENDERED, AND THE WAR WAS OVER.

THE WHALE WAS ENOR-MOUS. HE SPOKE AND...SUD-DENLY EVERYONE LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS.

DON'T LAUGH! YOU DON'T BELIEVE A WORD I SAID, DO YOU?!

...WHALE?

A GIGANTIC...

I DO, I DO!

SO YOU *DON'T* BELIEVE ME!

NO, NO... IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU... BUT... THE ENDING SOUNDED LIKE FANTASY FANFIC...

ARGH! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU!

Anime music ALI and YURiKA

Thank you!

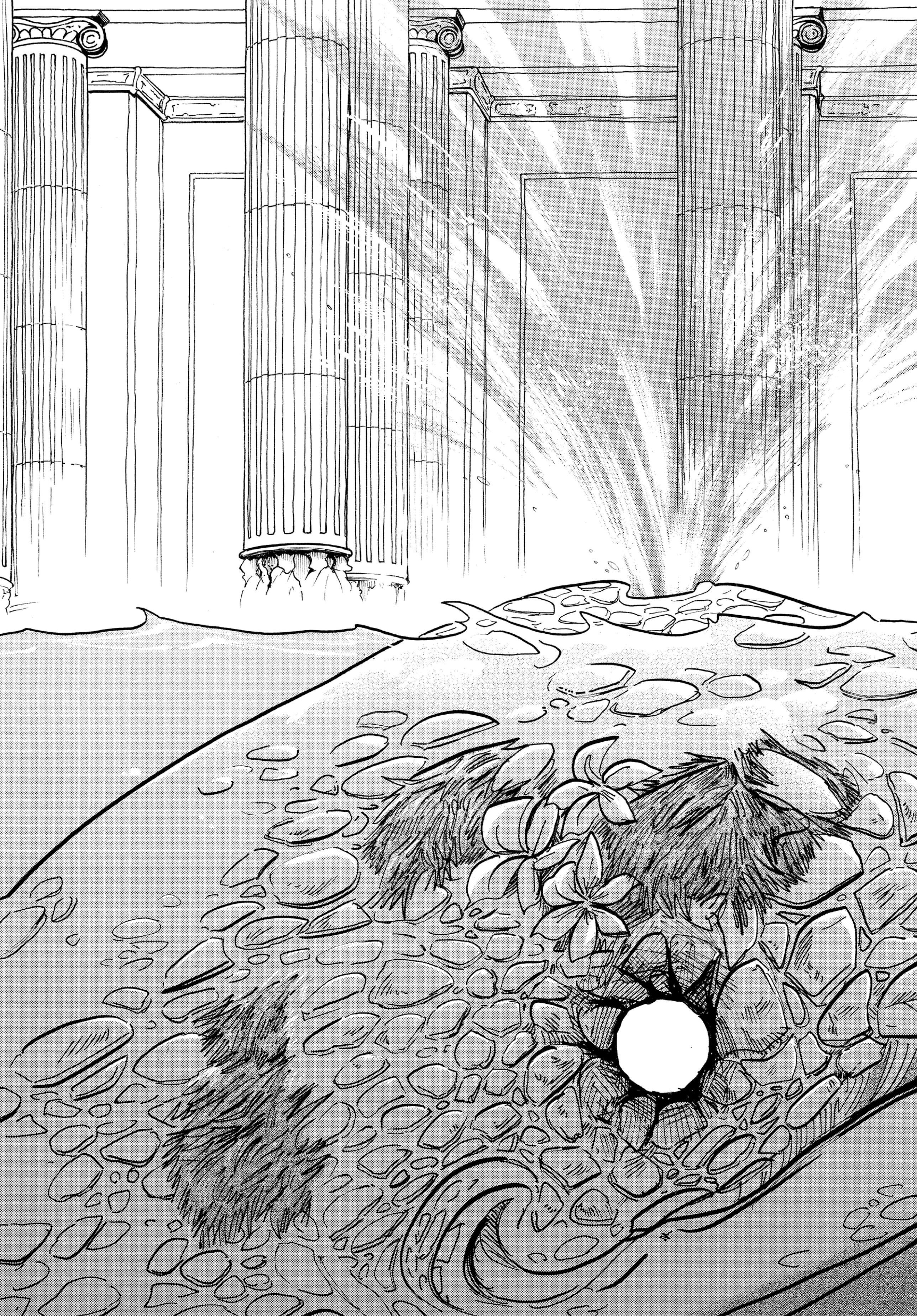
Anime on air now!

Mairimashita! Iruma-kun Every Saturday!

Please enjoy

Watch BEASTARS and Iruma-kun!

<I THINK I'M COMING DOWN WITH A COLD.>



<THAT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SPOUT! HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE 400 YEARS OLD.>

〈YOU BROUGHT ABOUT THE END OF THE CARNIVORE-HERBIVORE WORLD WAR.〉
〈YOUR MARINE LANGUAGE HAS IMPROVED...〉
〈...YAHYA.〉
〈THANK YOU.〉
〈WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS MY RESPECT FOR YOU.〉

<BEASTS SAY THE WORDS YOU UTTERED THAT DAY TO STOP THE WAR...>

<...ARE THE ONES WE NEED TO HEAR AGAIN NOW.>

<DO YOU STILL REFUSE TO TELL US WHAT YOU SAID BACK THEN?>

<YOU'RE ALWAYS FIGHTING AMONG YOURSELVES.>

<LAND ANIMALS ARE IMMATURE.>

SPOUT

<...YOU LEARN TO CARE FOR AND COEXIST WITH EACH OTHER.>

<I WON'T SHARE MY WISDOM AGAIN UNTIL...>

<...THE END OF OUR SUMMIT.>

AH-CHOO!

<I HEAR YOU.>

<THEN I SUPPOSE THIS IS...>

Chapter 155: An Egg Yolk Forever in Your Heart

I'VE CHOSEN YOU TO BE THE NEXT DRAMA CLUB PRESIDENT.

BILL.

WHAT?! WHY?!

Louis
Congratulations on your commencement.

W-WHY ME? WHY WOULD YOU PICK ME AS YOUR SUCCES-SOR?

UH...NO! UM, I...

I'VE CAUSED YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE...

THIS COMES AS A BIG SURPRISE...

Chapter 155: An Egg Yolk Forever in Your Heart

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE LOUIS GRADUATED. HE SPOKE SO SOFTLY, I HARDLY HEARD WHAT HE SAID.

BILL... AFTER OUR LAST DATE, I THOUGHT...

SQUEEZE

A CLUB PRESI-DENT HAS A LOT OF RESPON-SIBILI-TIES!

OH, COME ON... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO DRAMA CLUB YET, DO YOU?

SORRY! GOTTA RUN!

SO... WHY THE HELL WOULD HE APPOINT ME AS CLUB PRESIDENT?

Carnivore Dorm Kitchen

DID YOU DO IT TO SPITE ME, LOUIS?

I'LL HAVE A LITTLE SNACK BEFORE I GO.

I'M THE WORST CHOICE FOR CLUB PRESI-DENT...

I'M NOT RIGHT-EOUS LIKE LEGOSHI.

KLINK

I'M NOT NOBLE LIKE AOBA OR CHARM-ING LIKE PINA. NOT ONLY THAT...

KU-NK

Soup-less

Ramen

10% more noodles

Large & Delicious

1 POINT

Guess what? Tastes even better if you add an egg!

Ready in 5!

1.52 FL OZ.

Freeze-dried vegetables

Ingredients: Fried noodles (wheat flour), processed oil, flavored oil, dairy, saccharide, creaming powder, garlic, processed starch, emulsifiers, ca[illegible]oning, colorin[illegible]ramel [illegible]min B

• NET WT. 15.2 FL. OZ.
• Best before date on other side
• Avoid direct sunlight
• Store at room temperature
Manufactured in Osaka

Soup les

AIEEE!

Separate your trash

Combus-tibles

?

...

EEK

*FERTILE EGGS INADVER-TENTLY SOLD AS INFERTILE. A RARE OCCURRENCE RESULTING FROM THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE EGG-LAYING HEN IN QUESTION.

IT IS. IT'S A... TRAUMA EGG!*

IS THIS ...

... WHAT I...

... THINK IT IS?

Soup less

Serving

Calories

Protein

Fat

Carbohydrate

Sodium (noodles, protein and vegetables)

Soup

Vitamin

Calcium

Allergens:

YOU'RE NOT LIKE LEGOSHI. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE A SAINT.

BILL, I HONESTLY DON'T CARE THAT YOU DRANK THE BLOOD OF A SMALL ANIMAL.

I'LL NEVER BE LIKE YOU!

...ALLOWED TO EAT THIS?

AM I...

ER...

UH...

UM...

Separate your

UM... THIS ONE'S ABOUT TO DIE ANYWAY...

TWTCH

...OR NOT?!

SO WHAT ABOUT THIS EGG?

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO EAT THIS...

KILLING AND EATING HERBI-VORES IS A FELONY... BUT WE CARNIVORES GET OUR PROTEIN FROM EGGS AND MILK, RIGHT?

AS A BENGAL TIGER, I NEED TO THINK THIS THROUGH...

Soup-less Ramen

...TASTE REALLY, REALLY GOOD?

GULP

AND WOULDN'T IT MAKE THIS SOUPLESS RAMEN...

THIS CAT IS A SCUM-BAG WHO LOVES TO EAT MEAT.

I DO WHAT FEELS GOOD IN THE MOMENT. I RATIO-NALIZE MY BEHAVIOR. I'M WISHY-WASHY.

UM... I'M SORRY, LOUIS. THIS IS WHO I AM.

WHOA! IS THAT A TRAUMA EGG? I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.

YUCK.

ARE YOU GONNA EAT IT?

I CAME TO USE THE KITCHEN BECAUSE THE ONE IN THE HERBIVORE DORM IS TOO CROWDED. I ALWAYS DRINK A CUP OF TEA BEFORE I HEAD OVER TO DRAMA CLUB.

PINA!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!

MAYBE I CAN LEARN SOME-THING FROM IT.

I'LL WATCH YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO EAT THAT SUPER-RARE, EXTRA-SPECIAL SOUPLESS RAMEN, GO AHEAD.

BUT YOU CAN'T GET IN TROUBLE WITH THE SCHOOL IF YOU EAT A PREMATURE CHICK. HMPH...

RIZ ENDED UP IN JUVENILE HALL BECAUSE HE DEVOURED A CLASSMATE.

I W-WOULD NEVER...

...PARA-DOX...

THAT'S A...

I THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT.

R-RESCUE IT?

THEN LET'S RESCUE IT.

...EAT THIS!

LET'S START BY GETTING SOME LUKE-WARM WATER AND A THER-MOS.

WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN.

TWTCH

•NET WT. 15.2 FL.OZ.
•Best before date on other side

THEY'RE CRAZY BUSY. A CHINCHILLA JUST GOT BROUGHT IN. A RHINO STUDENT STEPPED ON HIM, AND HE'S SERIOUSLY INJURED. THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN ASK THEM FOR HELP NOW.

WHY CAN'T WE JUST TAKE IT TO THE INFIRMA-RY?

FOR REAL?

SEEMS LIKE IT...

SEEMS LIKE ACCIDENTS ALWAYS HAPPEN WHEN THE SEASONS CHANGE... UH-OH! THE CHICK'S GETTING WEAK.

OH!

WHICH SPECIES WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO?

I GUESS THE INFO WE FOUND ONLINE ISN'T ENOUGH... MAYBE WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN JUST KEEP IT WARM.

Drama Club Storeroom

HEY...

...KEEPS STARING AT ME!

THIS CHICK...

DEAL WITH IT! YOU'RE THE ONLY AVES WE COULD ASK FOR HELP.

STILL... I RESENT THE IMPLICATION THAT—

SLOSH

I'M NOT ITS MOM!

ARGH... I CAN'T MOVE.

AH, I SEE. THE WARMTH OF FEATHERS IS BEST.

WE'VE FOUND A MOM FOR THE CHICK!

EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT. THERE, THERE...

...

SEE? THE CHICK'S DOING BETTER NOW!

UH-OH. SORRY, I SHOOK THE JAR.

Adler Props

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AREN'T YOU GLAD, BILL?

THIS IS HARD.

MM

SERI-OUS-LY?!

SO PLEASE, AOBA... PLEASE BE ITS SUR-ROGATE MOTHER FOR A LITTLE LONGER.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE CHICK IS GOING TO MAKE IT!

...THE CHICK GETS...

THE BIGGER AND STRON-GER...

ALL OF A SUDDEN I FEEL SELF-LESS.

ME TOO. MIGHT AS WELL.

I'LL STAY WITH THE CHICK FROM TO-NIGHT ON.

...

...AND AVES PORN.

WE FIGURED YOU'D BE GETTING BORED, SO WE BROUGHT YOU MANGA AND GAMES ...

Dynamite Bird 18

Death Stra

Bio Haz

Mon

UH... NO THANKS.

AND I BROUGHT FOOD.

AOBA. I TOOK NOTES IN CLASS FOR YOU.

Gothplus

THANKS.

...THE MORE GUILTY I FEEL.

DON'T PRE-TEND WE'RE A FAMILY!

WHAT THE HELL?

ARE OUR PATERNAL INSTINCTS KICKING IN?

I'M SORRY.

HEY...

PUTTING IT INTO WORDS MAKES IT WORSE.

I WON'T TELL YOU WHAT FOR THOUGH.

BUT YOU... YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF ME AT ALL.

SOMETIMES I SCARE MYSELF.

...SO IT WON'T BE HARDER TO SAY GOOD-BYE.

I'VE DECIDED NOT TO NAME YOU...

...BE-CAUSE THEY'RE SIMPLE-MINDED.

ALL FELIDAE ARE GOOD BEASTS AT HEART...

HE EVEN SHOWS UP IN MY DREAMS! WITH PERFECT TIMING!

WHAT THE HELL? IS **THAT** WHY HE APPOINTED ME AS HIS SUCCESSOR?

HE ACTED SO SUPERIOR... UNTIL THE DAY HE LEFT.

THAT'S WHAT LOUIS SAID.

THE CHICK IS BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE OUTSIDE NOW. WE CAN BRING IT TO THE POLICE.

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE IT CAME OUT OF ITS SHELL.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF IT.

YES, OF COURSE.

MAKE SURE THE CHICK FINDS A GOOD HOME.

I WANT TO REMEMBER THE CHICK'S FACE...

WELL... AFTER ALL THIS, I HOPE YOU STOP VISITING THE BLACK MARKET.

IT'S BEEN A LONG WEEK...

SOZ

IT'LL LOOK DIFFERENT WHEN IT MATURES INTO A CHICKEN.

THAT'S ALL♪!

I'LL NEVER EAT CHICKEN AT THE BLACK MARKET AGAIN!

BILL, THE SCUMBAG CAT, HAS TAKEN HIS FIRST STEP TOWARD BECOMING WORTHY OF THE POSITION OF DRAMA CLUB PRESIDENT. (HOPEFULLY.)

I'LL NEVER EAT SOUP-LESS RAMEN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE EITHER!

HEY, BILL. WANT SOME SOUP-LESS RAMEN FOR LUNCH♪

WELL... YEAH.

DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT—IT'S BAD LUCK. WAIT... SO YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THE BLACK MARKET ♪!

IF THAT CHICK'S UNLUCKY AND ENDS UP AT THE BLACK MARKET, I MIGHT END UP EATING IT! THAT WOULD BE AWFUL! SO I'M NEVER GOING TO EAT CHICKEN AGAIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

Chapter 156: But the Time Bomb Was Sleeping

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IT SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE, BUT I LIKE IT.

IBUKI'S POSTHUMOUS NAME IS STRANGE.

Lion Glasses

YEAHZ SOZ

THIS MORNING, I ACCI-DENTALLY DROPPED SOME CHANGE AT THE BLACK MARKET.

HEY, GUESS WHAT, DOLPHZ

JNGL JNGL

OOPS.

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT...

HERE.

HERE'S ANOTHER COIN.

HERE.

HERE YOU GO.

R.I.P. Beast Cemetery

SO...

THEY WERE ALL JUST PASSERSBY. AND AFTER HANDING ME BACK MY MONEY, THEY LEFT.

Free, five years old

RIGHT? IN THE OLD DAYS, IF YOU DROPPED EVEN A ONE-YEN COIN AT THE BLACK MARKET...

...SOMEONE WOULD DASH PAST YOU...

...AND A SECOND LATER...

...THE COIN WOULD BE GONE— LIKE MAGIC.

...

IS THIS WHAT THE BLACK MARKET HAS COME TO?!

DON'T YOU GET IT? AT THE BLACK MARKET! ISN'T THAT WEIRD?!

OH... I GET YOUR POINT.

THAT'S WHAT MADE THE SHISHI-GUMI SO POPULAR WHEN LOUIS WAS OUR BOSS.

IT'S CREEPY.

SINCE WHEN IS ANYONE CONSIDERATE IN THE BLACK MARKET?! BLACK MARKET BEASTS ARE STARTING TO BEHAVE LIKE CENTER STREET BEASTS!

HA HA... WELL, TIMES CHANGE. THE BLACK MARKET ISN'T AS SCANDALOUS AS IT ONCE WAS.

DID YOU COLLECT BLOOD FROM ALL OUR MEMBERS?

AND IT'S TO-NIGHT.

BUT THE MONTHLY CELEBRATION STILL EXISTS.

OF COURSE.

SLOSH

THE CELEBRATION...

...IS CALLED...

...HAPPY MEAT DAY.

TIME FOR OUR MONTHLY COUNCIL.

LET'S GO!

FASH

SPLASH

PLISH

(Ko-
modo
dra-
gons)

The
Doku-
gumi.

(Red
foxes)

The
Inari-
gumi.

The Madaragumi.

(Panthers)

The Shishigumi.

(Lions)

TUP

All the shops in the black market are closed...

The black market is the only place where the meat trade is tolerated. The last Friday of each month is known as Happy Meat Day, a celebration of eating meat.

THE SHISHI-GUMI'S TORCH GROWS DIMMER EVERY YEAR.

CAN YOU EVEN FIGHT ANYMORE?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US.

WE GET MORE IRON THAN YOU INARI-GUMI. ALL YOU EAT IS DEEP-FRIED TOFU.

...leav-ing the streets empty for...

Doku-gumi

Madara-gumi

Inari-gumi

Shishi-gumi

...rival gangs to fight their turf wars out in the open.

The four rival syndicates raise torches soaked in their members' blood.

The scent of the torches marks each gang's turf.

MA-DARA-GUMI!

DOKU-GUMI!

INARI-GUMI!

I n a ri

Inari-kins

Inari ♡ LOVE

INARI-GUMI!

INARI! ♡

DOKU-GUMI!

EVERYONE'S HUNGRY FOR SOMETHING NEW.

THE BLACK MARKET IS PERPETUALLY GROWING AND CHANGING.

YOU WERE REVOLU-TIONARIES WHEN YOU MADE A YOUNG BUCK YOUR BOSS.

BUT YOU'VE GONE SOFT SINCE THEN.

HEAR THAT? THE RALLYING CRIES OF THE BLACK MARKET! THE GANG WITH THE STRONGEST SCENT AND THE MOST TRUSTED GANG IS THE INARI-GUMI— A FEMALES-ONLY SYNDICATE.

LOOM

WHAT IF OUR BOSS IS HALF-CARNIVORE, HALF-HERBIVORE?

HALF...? SO *YOU'RE* THE BEAST EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT...

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT INTRODUCING MYSELF EARLIER. I'M MELON, THE SHISHI-GUMI'S NEW BOSS.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO US LIKE THAT? SUCH IMPERTINENCE FROM YOUNG FEMALES IS UNFORGIVABLE!

WHAT?!

YOUR NAME'S ***MELON?*** THAT'S HUMILIATING. LOOKS LIKE THE SHISHI-GUMI IS FINISHED.

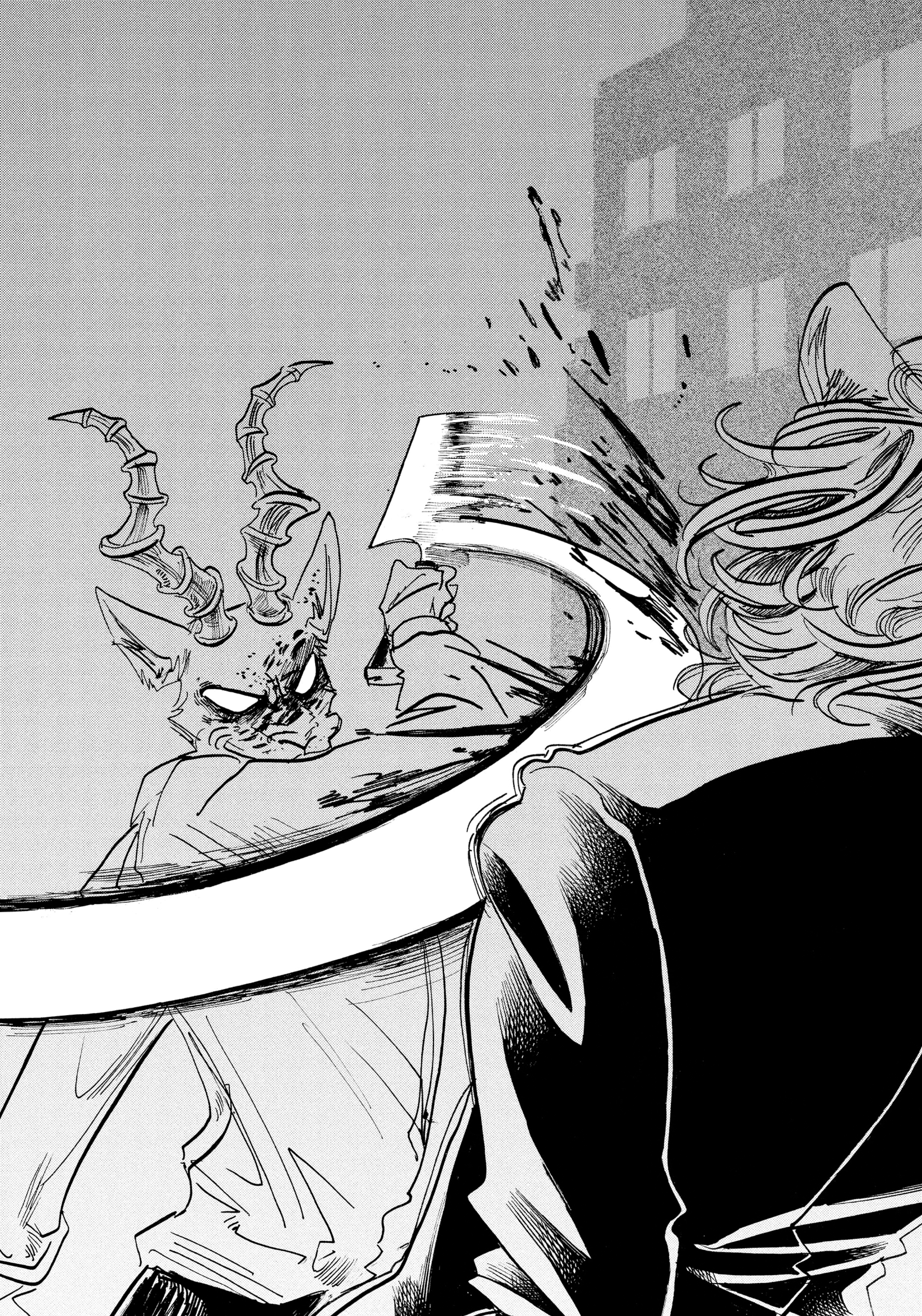
ALL RIGHT THEN...

It's true.

...IS WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, BUT... YOU'RE RIGHT. THE SCENT OF SHISHI-GUMI IS WEAK.

EVERYONE'S NOTICED.

LET'S ADD SOME MORE SCENT.



NO...

DOLPH!

DOLPH!

GAHH...

...EVERY-WHERE NOW.

WELL?

SO STARTING TONIGHT, THE BLACK MARKET...

THERE'S LION SCENT...

...
BELONGS TO THE SHISHI-GUMI, DOESN'T IT?

WAKE UP, EVERYONE! NOW!

YOU BAS-TARD ...

I SMELL SHISHI-GUMI EVERY-WHERE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

Y-YEAH.

REMEM-BER, TODAY IS HAPPY MEAT DAY.

SHISHI-GUMI...

UH-HUH...

THIS PETTY TURF WAR IS A WASTE OF TIME. TODAY OF ALL DAYS, YOU SHOULD JUST ENJOY DEVOURING MEAT.

GO AHEAD AND EAT HIM UP.

THE BLACK MARKET HAS TO OPEN ITS EYES TO CARNIVORES' LOVE OF MEAT!

HOW CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF A BEAST IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCTS 2!

SHI-SHI-GUMI!

SHI-SHI-GUMI!

SHI-SHI-GUMI!

SHI-SHI-GUMI!

ALL OF YOU LOVE MEAT, DON'T YOU2! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE, ISN'T IT2!

YEAH!

SHI- SHI- GUMI!

HURRAY FOR MEAT!

I SMELL LION!

HURRAY FOR MEAT!!

IGNORE THEM.

HEY, HOW COME THEY'RE CHANTING OUR NAME?

SHI- SHI- GUMI!

SHI- SHI- GUMI!

SHI- SHI- GUMI!

...HAS MADE A COMEBACK AT THE BLACK MARKET... IN JUST ONE NIGHT.

THEY'RE JUST EXCITED THAT BLOODLUST...

...

Yeah!

Yeah!

Yeah!

Yeah!

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Black Market
Black Market
Black Market
Black Market
Black Market

Chapter 157: *Adler* Without a Blackout

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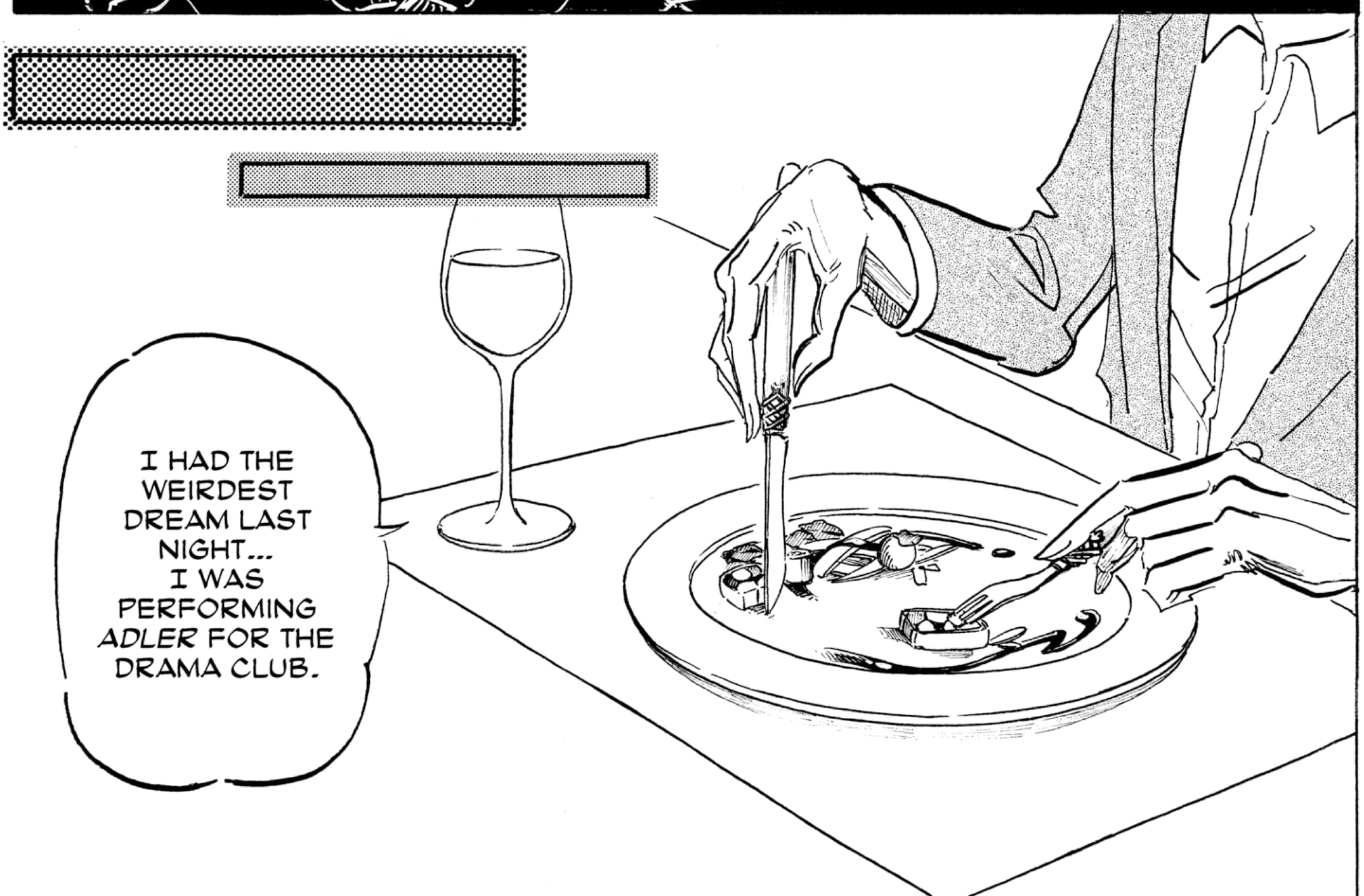
THE GRIM REAPER IS THE SYMBOL OF COEXIS-TENCE AND COPROS-PERITY.
DEATH IS JUST. DEATH STRIKES ALL BEASTS EQUALLY.
...OUR WORLD!
ONLY ADLER CAN SAVE...


I HAD THE WEIRDEST DREAM LAST NIGHT... I WAS PERFORMING *ADLER* FOR THE DRAMA CLUB.

YOU DON'T LIKE FEMALES?

I'M TOO YOUNG TO MARRY.

OF COURSE. INSTEAD, MY PROUDEST MOMENT AS A FATHER WILL BE ATTENDING YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY.

YOU DO? THAT'S A SUR-PRISE.

I STILL REMEMBER ALL MY LINES. I GUESS I MUST HAVE A DEEP, UNCONSCIOUS CONNECTION WITH THE GRIM REAPER.

NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. I REGRET NEVER HAVING SEEN YOU PERFORM ONSTAGE.

NEVER MIND. FORGET IT. IT JUST BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES.

IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DREAMS.

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

WHY'D YOU CHANGE THE TOPIC SO FAST?

KLINK

I WANT TO KNOW IF IT'S FEMALES IN GENERAL THAT YOU DISLIKE OR JUST FEMALE DEER.

EITHER WAY, IT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

I HEARD YOUR NIGHT WITH HER DIDN'T GO WELL.

...

AZUKI IS GREAT...

BLEAARGH

...

*Recalling his nightmarish night with Azuki (his fiancée)
*Chapter 143

THIS IS MERELY A CONVER-SATION BETWEEN A CEO AND HIS SUCCESSOR.

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF THING YOU DISCUSS WITH YOUR FATHER.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SELF-CONSCIOUS. I'M NOT YOUR BIOLOGICAL FATHER.

I BOUGHT YOU AT THE BLACK MARKET FOR SEVEN MILLION. FROM THAT MOMENT ON, WE'VE ALWAYS DISCUSSED BUSINESS TOGETHER.

WE'RE NOT BLOOD RELATED.

OF COURSE.

I SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN MY WORDS MORE CAREFULLY...

...

THE REASON I KEEP CHECKING MY CELL IS BECAUSE I'VE LOST TOUCH WITH THE SHISHI-GUMI.

"WHEN FELINES SENSE THAT THEIR LIVES ARE COMING TO AN END, THEY DISAPPEAR FROM THEIR WORKPLACES, LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES, AND CALMLY SET THEIR AFFAIRS IN ORDER!"

"FELINES ARE ALIGNED WITH THE SPIRITUAL WORLD. WE CAN EVEN SENSE WHEN DEATH IS APPROACHING."

DID I SAY THAT, MASTER?!

AHEM... YUTA TELLS ME YOU'VE BEEN CHECKING YOUR CELL PHONE FREQUENTLY LATELY.

Yuta the butler

IF YOU'RE SECRETLY DATING SOMEONE, I WON'T DISALLOW IT.

YOU ADOPTED ME BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T FATHER CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN. AND THIS IS HOW I TURNED OUT.

YOU MUST BE TERRIBLY DISAP-POINTED.

MY FRIENDS ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY FIANCÉE!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS... WHAT IF THEY'VE STOPPED ANSWERING MY CALLS AND TEXTS BECAUSE THEY'RE IN MORTAL DANGER?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!

IDIOT!

YOU'VE CHANGED...

...LOUIS.

NOW YOU'VE LOST YOUR MISTRUST OF CARNIVORES.

I THOUGHT THAT NUMBER SPURRED YOU ON.

EVER SINCE YOU LOST YOUR RIGHT LEG. BEFORE THAT, YOU SEEMED DETERMINED TO SUCCEED IN LIFE, IN DEFIANCE OF THE PRODUCT NUMBER TATTOOED ONTO YOU AT THE BLACK MARKET.

WHERE IS THE BEAST WHO CHANGED YOU FOR THE WORSE? WHAT'S HE DOING NOW?

WHO DEVOURED YOUR RIGHT LEG, LOUIS?

Cherry Academy

WHEN I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, THE COLOR OF MY FUR WAS FINALLY BACK TO NORMAL.

000

SLURP

I'LL LEAVE TODAY, BEFORE I ATTRACT ATTENTION.

I'M GLAD I GOT TO VISIT WITH THE DRAMA CLUB MEMBERS TOO.

I CAN'T STAY AT CHERRYTON ANYMORE NOW THAT I LOOK LIKE I DID WHEN I WAS A STUDENT HERE.

LEGOSHI THE GRAY WOLF QUIT SCHOOL.

I HATE TO LEAVE EVERYONE IN ROOM 701... BUT I'LL SEE THEM AGAIN.

2!

OH!

HEY, YOU'RE IN THE DRAMA CLUB, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE THE WEIRDOS WHO STILL BELIEVE IN THE MYTH OF COEXISTENCE AND COPROSPERITY.

CHERRYTON 8

CHERRYTON 9

YOU BASKETBALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE THE ONES WITH THE PROBLEM. YOU ONLY HANG OUT WITH YOUR OWN ORDER, AND YOU'RE ALWAYS LAUGHING LIKE IDIOTS. NOW MOVE OUT OF OUR WAY!

THAT'S RIGHT.

WE'LL KEEP OUR CLUB GOING. WE'LL ACT AS BODYGUARDS.

YOU MEAN BECAUSE CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES HAVE BEEN SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT ACADEMIC CLASSES? SO WHAT?

DO YOU REALLY THINK AN INTEGRATED CLUB WITH CARNIVORE AND HERBIVORE MEMBERS CAN SURVIVE?!

OH, SURE... I BET YOU'RE SECRETLY PLANNING TO DEVOUR THEM DURING REHEARSALS, AREN'T YOU? ESPECIALLY THAT SHEEP GIRL.

EXACTLY. SO WE'LL PROTECT OUR HERBIVORES.

Right, Els?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR HERBIVORE MEMBERS. CHERRYTON IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE UNSAFE AFTER HOURS.

HEY!

...

THE DRAMA CLUB WAS BETTER WHEN LOUIS PLAYED ADLER!

JUST IGNORE THEM, BILL.

I'M GONNA KILL ALL OF YOU!

THAT GRIM REAPER IS GONE!

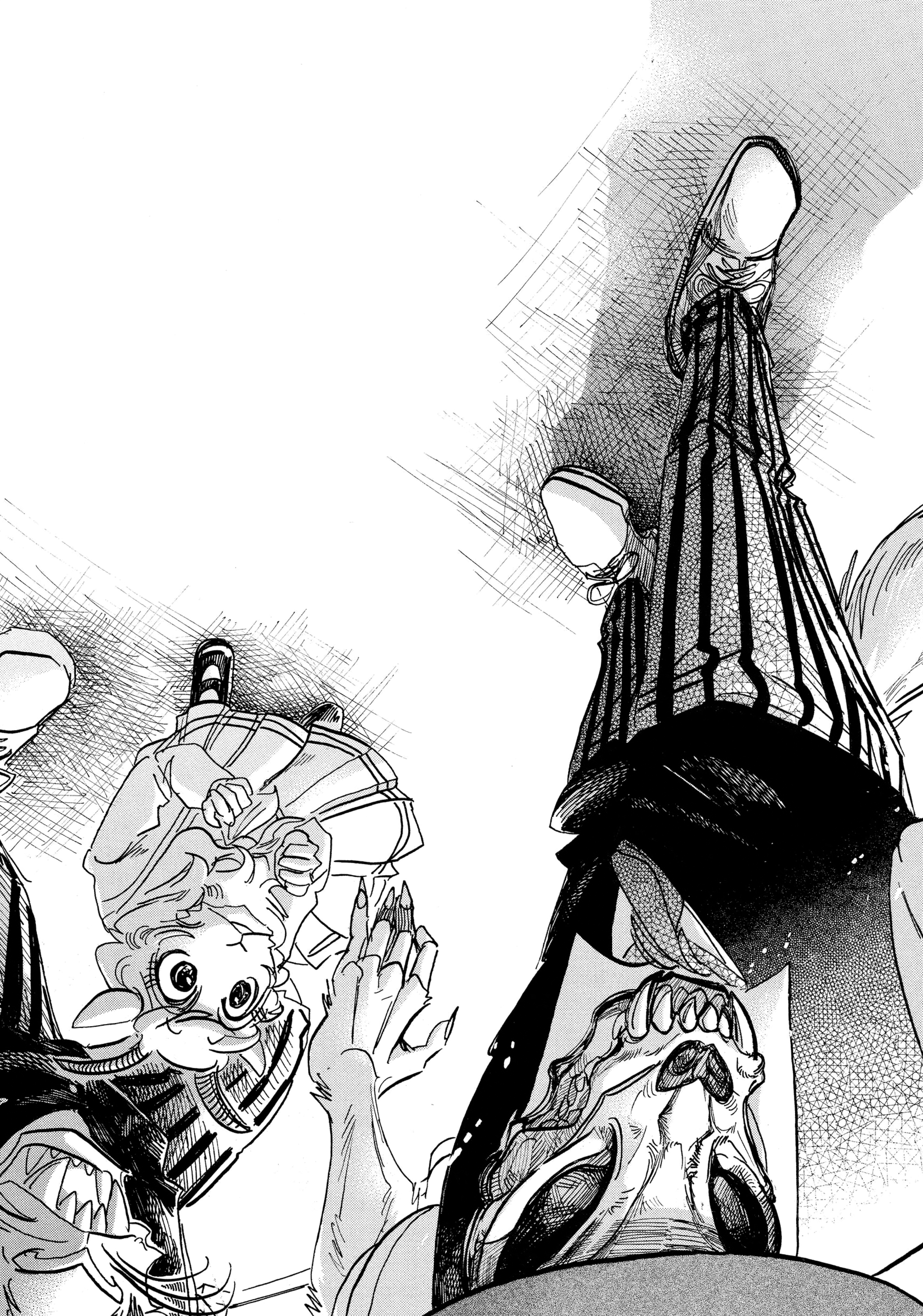
...SO WE CAN TAKE OVER YOUR HUGE LOCKER ROOM.

THE DRAMA CLUB SHOULD GET SHUT DOWN ASAP...

BESIDES, A PLAY STARRING A GRIM REAPER MAKES NO SENSE.

DEATH IS JUST. DEATH STRIKES ALL BEASTS EQUALLY.

THE GRIM REAPER IS THE SYMBOL OF COEXIS-TENCE AND COPROS-PERITY.



...CAN SAVE OUR WORLD!

ONLY ADLER...

NO WAY! HE MISSED SOME OF THE LINES!

...

...THE G-GRIM REAPER! THE REAL ONE!

IT'S...

CHERRY TOP

TRMP TRMP

TRMP

AIIEEE!

SORRY. I'M NOT IN THE DRAMA CLUB ANYMORE, SO MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BUTTED IN.

I WORE THE ADLER MASK TO HIDE MY FACE.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOUIS!

WHAT?

EVERYONE'S AFRAID BECAUSE CHERRYTON—AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE OUR CAMPUS—IS GETTING SCARIER EVERY DAY.

I THOUGHT LOUIS HAD COME TO OUR RESCUE.

I THOUGHT LOUIS HAD BECOME THE BEASTAR AND HAD COME TO PROTECT US.

BUSINESS IS BOOMING. THE MARKET IS BUSY. IT'S THRIVING.

WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS IS LIKE THE BLACK MARKET IN THE DAYS WHEN I WAS BEING SOLD HERE AS NUMBER 4.

YIKES! NO ONE'S GOING TO RISK APPROACH-ING HIM!

BUT THIS IS THE RIGHT STAGE FOR ME.

IT'S JUST THAT MY PRICE HAS SHOT UP.

FATHER, I HAVEN'T CHANGED FOR THE WORSE...

Enjoy Meat!

Black Market

Shi shi- gumi

Ch Enjoy

Shishi-gumi

...THE SAFEST WAY TO WALK THROUGH THE BLACK MARKET.

THIS SEEMS TO BE...

Shishi-gumi

Enjoy Meat!

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

Cheers to the Shishi-gumi!

Chapter 158: I've Never Heard That Before

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Come on in!

Skin them your-selves!

It's 30,000 for a leg, 10,000 for an arm!

Step right up! Step right up!

Check us out! Super-fresh rabbit livers!

CHTTR

CHTTR

CHTTR

CHTTR

BLAH

BLAH

BLAH

NNGH AHHH.

BREAK'S OVER.

Ahhh ahhh.

Hhnn uhh.

YOU OUGHTA BE GRATEFUL I LET YOU SEE THE OUTSIDE WORLD ONCE A MONTH. SEEMS LIKE A WASTE OF TIME SINCE YOU'RE ON SALE TO BE DEVOURED ALIVE.

UNNH ...

AHHH UHH...

HURRY UP AND RETURN TO YOUR CELL! GET GOING!

AHHH UHH AHH.

AHHH UHH...

AHHH... SOB...

"WE'LL BE TOGETHER UNTIL..."

"DON'T BE AFRAID."

HUG

AHHH UHH!

FWOOSH

GTNK

BAKI

"...THE DAY WE'RE DEVOURED."

!

Meat-Eating Shishi-gumi

200

Rabbit blood 500

800

1000

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

AND BEASTS...

...ARE...

...MEAT THAT'S PRACTICALLY RAW.

A CARNI-VORE STANDING OVER THERE IS DEVOUR-ING...

I SEE FIRES ALL OVER THE PLACE...

...SCREAMING AT EACH OTHER.

SO WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE... THE BLACK MARKET IS REVERTING TO THE WAY IT WAS IN THE OLD DAYS.

THIS IS THE BLACK MARKET I USED TO SEE FROM BEHIND BARS.

GASP

AND I HAVE TO CON-CEN-TRATE TO GET INTEL.

I NEED TO KEEP IT TOGETHER. BEASTS WHO ARE SELLING THEMSELVES GET ASSAULTED IF THEY DON'T PROJECT A TOUGH IMAGE.

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

...APPEAR TO BE FEELING NOSTALGIA FOR IT.

HOW STRANGE THAT I...

high 100

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

ONE, TEN, ONE HUNDRED, ONE THOUSAND, TEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, ONE MILL—

100,000,000

I HAD A HUNCH I'D RUN INTO HIM HERE...

WHAT? I CAN'T TALK TO YOU UNLESS I HAVE A HUNDRED MILLION ON ME?

THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS MY COVER, SO PRETEND I'M REALLY ON SALE.

SH.

IT SEEMS STRANGE TO ME TOO.

...

WHAT'S THE DEAL? WHY HAVE THINGS CHANGED SO MUCH?

UM... I CAME HERE BECAUSE BILL TOLD ME THE BLACK MARKET WAS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL.

THIS IS AWKWARD... IT'S LIKE A FRIEND IS VISITING MY HOME-TOWN.

UM...

THE VIBE IN THE MARKET SEEMS REALLY VOLATILE TO-NIGHT.

Melon

Shishi-gumi

THERE ARE BANNERS FOR THE SHISHI-GUMI AND MELON EVERY-WHERE.

WHOA, LOOK! THAT WOLF IS DESPERATE FOR A DISCOUNT!

BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY...

A THOUSAND YEN?! YOU THINK THAT'S ALL I'M WORTH?!

Shishi-gumi

LIKE... REMOVE FIVE ZEROS FROM YOUR PRICE...

WHY CAN'T I TALK TO YOU FOR FREE?! GIVE ME A DISCOUNT AT LEAST.

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

"SUG-GESTED RETAIL PRICE"?

Shi-shi-mi

Lion

MY SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE WAS *SEVEN* MILLION!

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND SEE WHERE I GREW UP.

THIS IS A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY FOR US, LEGOSHI.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BRING ANY-THING...

B-BUT I DON'T HAVE A HOST GIFT.

...!! YOUR HOME?! I'D LOVE TO!

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GONE OUT OF BUSINESS.

OR SHOULD I SAY, I WAS *KEPT* HERE.

THE BEASTS WHO SHARED MY CELL WITH ME MUST HAVE BEEN... A LONG TIME AGO.

100,000,000 (missing one leg)

THIS TOWER USED TO BE AN ESTABLISH-MENT WHERE BEASTS WERE SOLD TO BE DEVOURED ALIVE.

I GREW UP HERE. I LIVED INSIDE IT UNTIL I WAS FIVE.

YOU DON'T SEEM SHOCKED.

I THOUGHT I SHOULD JUST LISTEN EMPATHETICALLY, SINCE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IT SO CALMLY.

UM...

YOUR LEG THAT I DEVOURED THAT TIME...

MY CURSE WAS CONCEN-TRATED IN THAT LEG.

MY PRODUCT NUMBER.

THE NUMBER 4 ON YOUR RIGHT LEG... WHAT WAS THAT?

I WISH YOU'D DEVOURED ALL OF ME AND IT HAD CHANGED YOU TOO.

I'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THEN, BUT YOU HAVEN'T. YOU'RE STILL THE SAME OLD WOLF.

YOU CUT OFF AN IMPORTANT PART OF ME THAT DAY.

I WISH YOU'D DEVOURED THE REST OF ME ALONG WITH IT.

I HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD NOW. I DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.

...WHEN YOU LOST YOUR LEG.

I LOST SOME-THING TOO...

POSSIBILITIES, OPPORTUNITIES... MY BODY AND SOUL ARE CHISELED AND SHAPED BY EXPERI-ENCE AND TIME. BUT THE BEAST I AM IN THIS EXACT MOMENT IS THE ONLY ONE I CAN BE NOW.

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS...

...TO LIVE IN THE MOMENT...

700,000,000 (missing one leg)

I'VE NEVER TOLD ANOTHER BEAST THIS BEFORE, BUT I'VE WANTED TO WORK AT AN INSECTARIUM EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

...WE BOTH TOOK RESPON-SIBILITY FOR EACH OTHER.

WE COULD CALL IT EVEN IF...

YOUR LIFE HAS CHANGED. I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT. WILL YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY LIFE?

N-NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

WHY SHOULD I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU? YOUR DREAM OF WORKING AT AN INSECTARIUM MIGHT NEVER COME TRUE, BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?

HUH?

100,0 (mis

0,000 (g one leg)

...THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE!

IF WE DON'T STOP MELON...

...

LIKE YOU, I DO WANT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

YOU'RE RIGHT, LEGOSHI.

I'M STILL THAT FIVE-YEAR-OLD WHO DIDN'T HAVE WORDS TO SPEAK WITH... WHY CAN'T I EXPRESS MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS?

ARE YOU CONTENT TO JUST STAND BY AND WATCH THE BLACK MARKET TURN MORE EVIL AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD MORE VIOLENT?

DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING TO OUR SOCIETY?

FWOOSH

GTNK

DL 4 3 2 1 476

...ARE LEAKING.

MY EYES...

...JUST LIKE THEY DID WHEN FATHER BOUGHT ME AT THIS TOWER.

BUT MY EYES KEEP LEAKING...

I'M NOT EMOTIONAL.

I'M NOT SAD.

LOUIS ---

YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!

)))

LOOM

...AND CAPTURE MELON!

LET'S JOIN FORCES...

WHAT THE HELL?

YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. I'VE GOT A PROSTHETIC LEG. WE'RE A MESS. HOW CAN TWO BEASTS LIKE US CAPTURE THAT PSYCHO-PATH?

YOU'RE RIGHT. NEITHER OF US IS THE BEASTAR. AND WE'RE NOT ASPIRING TO BECOME THE BEASTAR EITHER.

THAT'S A JOB FOR THE BEASTAR...

...NOT US.

AND WE ARE A MESS. BUT TOGETHER, THE TWO OF US CAN DO THIS...

...
BEA-
STARS!

WE CAN DO IT AS...

YOU CAN'T JUST TURN *THE BEASTAR* INTO PLURAL *BEASTARS.*

...A THING.

THAT'S NOT...

?!

WELL, I—

WAGH!

KRASH

FMP

-WITH-

Z!

...ARE STILL ALIVE Z!

Z

YOU TWO...

Ahhh uhhh...

Chapter 159: Innocent Along the Dotted Lines

"WE'LL GET DEVOURED THE MOMENT WE LEAVE OUR CELL."

"BUT UNTIL THEN, WE'LL BE TOGETHER."

...YET WE MANAGED TO MAKE THAT VOW TO EACH OTHER.

WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SPEAK BACK THEN...

...THEY COULD STILL BE ALIVE IN THIS BASE-MENT!

I NEVER IMAGINED ...

SOMETHING'S OFF... DOES LOUIS KNOW THESE TWO?

Z

Chapter 159: Innocent Along the Dotted Lines

A FEMALE RABBIT...

...

UM...

I GUESS THE POLITE THING TO DO IS TO GREET HER FIRST.

...

I APOLOGIZE FOR BARGING IN ON YOU LIKE THIS AND DESTROYING YOUR CEILING.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME'S LEGOSHI. I'M A GRAY WOLF.

SHP

SMAK

GRAB

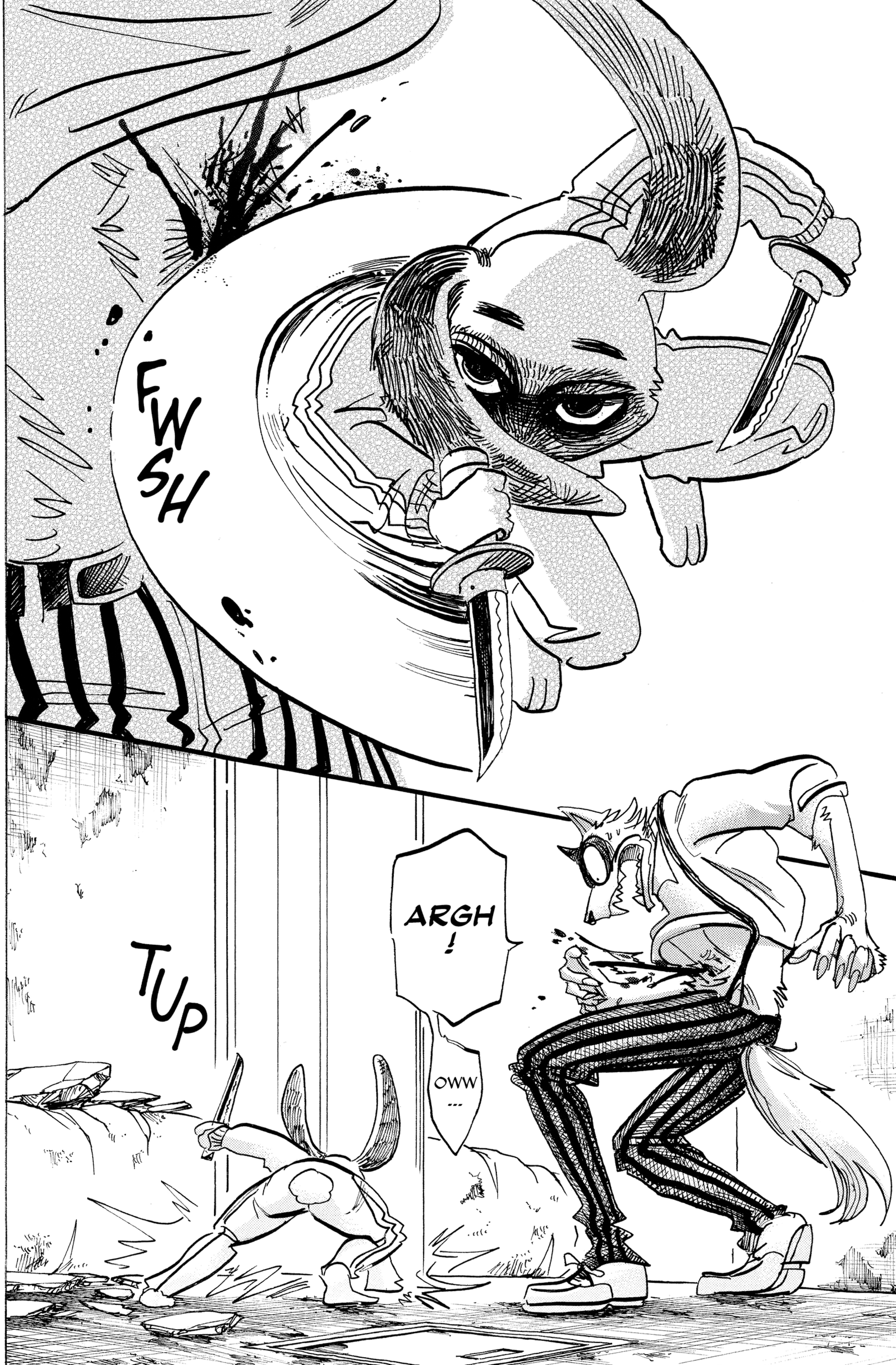
RUN, LEGOSHI—

NNGH!

Z!

LOUIS!

HIS LEFT SIDE AND RIGHT EYELID...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ARGH!
OWW...
TUP

OWWW...

LOOKS LIKE I CAN DO WHAT I LIKE TO YOU.

YOUR BODY IS A MAP OF OLD WOUNDS.

I'VE GOT TO DISARM HER AT LEAST...

TUP

TUG

FWSH

ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE BLACK MARKET, CARNIVORE TRESPASSERS DESERVE TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR EYES GOUGED OUT.

ARGHHH!
AHHH!

NNGH ...

NEXT, YOUR RIGHT EYELID.

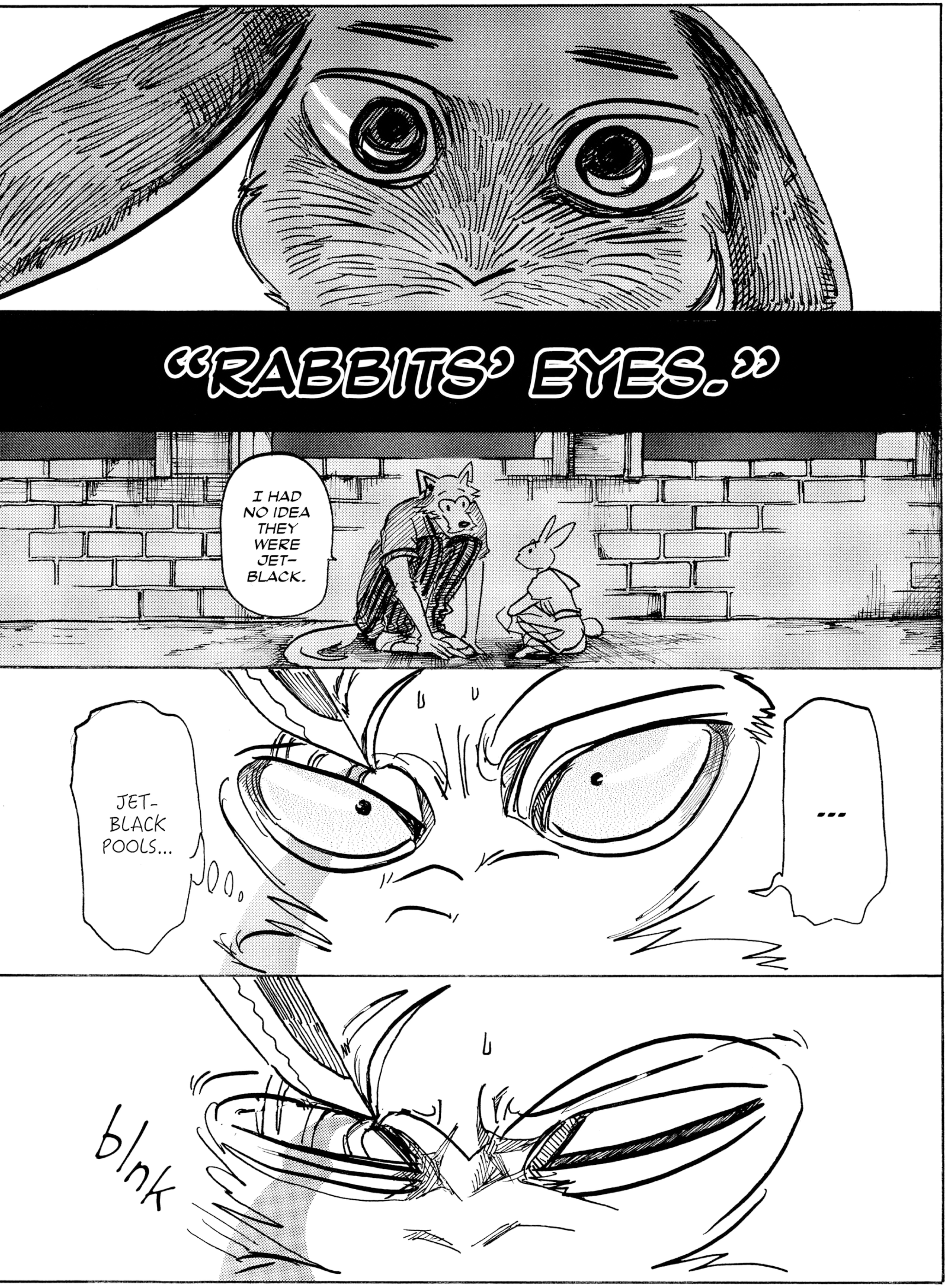
TUG

...YOUR RIGHT EYE HAS THREE LINES LEADING TO IT.

IT'S CONVENIENT THAT...

KICK HER, OR WHATEVER YOU NEED TO DO TO DEFEND YOURSELF!

LEGOSHI! USE YOUR LEGS!


"RABBITS' EYES."
I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE JET-BLACK.
JET-BLACK POOLS...
...
blnk

I'M SORRY.

TUG

...

Z!

WHAT'S HE DOING ...?

DID YOU THINK I'D PANIC IF YOU PULLED OFF MY CLOTHES?

GO AHEAD. GET AN EYEFUL. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE WITH YOUR RIGHT EYE FOR MUCH LONGER ANYWAY.

DID YOU THINK A FEMALE WOULD BE EMBARRASSED AND INSTINCTIVELY RELEASE YOU IF YOU EXPOSED HER?

ARE YOUR SENSIBILITIES TOO DELICATE TO HARM A WEAKER BEAST?

IS IT BECAUSE I'M A RABBIT?

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST KICK ME UP IN THE AIR?

TUG

WHAT AN IDIOT.

I'LL TEAR YOU AND YOUR DEER FRIEND INTO CHUNKS AND SELL YOUR MEAT AT THE BLACK MARKET FOR—

...? THOSE EYES...

WHAT?!

ARE YOU... NUMBER 42

SHE'S FINALLY RECOGNIZED ME.

...WE'D SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE AND WELL!

HA HA

WHOA! I NEVER THOUGHT ...

I WOULD HAVE IF YOU'D GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK!

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US YOU WERE NUMBER 4 RIGHT AWAY!

SORRY, SORRY... LUCKILY YOU AREN'T HURT TOO BADLY. I'LL GET OUR FIRST AID KIT...

COME ON, KYU. APOLOGIZE TO HIM TOO!

WE ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ON OUR GUARD.

...

I ONLY DID WHAT ANY HERBIVORE LIVING IN THE BLACK MARKET WOULD DO.

I'M GLAD WE ALL LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY. DO YOU HAVE A NAME NOW?

I'M WONDERING WHY YOU HAVE A PROSTHETIC LEG... BUT ANYWAY, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN NOW THAT WE'RE GROWN-UP.

UH... YEAH. I'M LOUIS.

WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?

AND I'M SAN— NUMBER 3.

I CALL MYSELF KYU, SINCE MY PRODUCT NUMBER WAS NINE.

WE DECIDED TO STAY AND MAKE OUR LIVING FIGHTING IN THE BATTLE ARENA.

WE WERE ABANDONED IN OUR CELL WHEN THE ORGANIZATION THAT RAN THE TOWER WENT BANKRUPT.

ALL I'M GOOD AT IS FIGURING OUT AN OPPO-NENT'S WEAK-NESS.

KYU IS REALLY TOUGH.

I'M NOT SURPRISED. YOU GAVE LEGOSHI A RUN FOR HIS MONEY.

BUT I ALMOST KILLED YOU, BECAUSE ON THE INSIDE, YOU'RE WEAK.

IT'S LEGOSHI...

OHGOSHI HAD SOME GOOD MOVES.

OR MAYBE IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL. IN FACT, IT LOOKED LIKE PURE INSTINCT.

YOU COULD HAVE PUNCHED ME WHEN YOUR ARM WAS FREE, BUT YOU BENT YOUR ELBOW ON PURPOSE TO MISS ME.

...SEVEN... AND MOM.

SHE'S DIFFERENT FROM HARU... JUNO...

...

THAT'S YOUR ACHILLES' HEEL.

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE NEVER MET...

WHAT? I'M NOT!

WHY'RE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?

IF YOU'RE SULKING BECAUSE YOU LOST, WHY DON'T YOU GRAB ME BY THE LEGS AND THROW ME TO THE GROUND NOW?

...A FEMALE LIKE HER BEFORE!

Chapter 160: Allegedly a Good Son

THAT'S WHY I ASKED HIM, "WHY'RE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?"

LOOKING AT THIS WOLF MORE CLOSELY, I SAW A STRANGE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE.

...WITH ONLY A GLIMMER OF HOPE LEFT.

HE LOOKS BEATEN DOWN BY LIFE...

YOU SHOULD GIVE UP TRYING TO CATCH MELON.

HOPE IS POINTLESS HERE IN THE BLACK MARKET.

I KNOW THE BLACK MARKET IS IN TURMOIL THANKS TO THAT EVIL HALF-CARNIVORE, HALF-HERBIVORE BEAST.

HUH?

YOUR PATHETIC INSTINCTS MADE YOU RELEASE HIM. YOU FELT SORRY FOR HIM BECAUSE HE'S A MIXED-SPECIES BEAST. WE'VE JUST MET, BUT I CAN SEE THAT'S HOW IT WENT DOWN.

WHAT I DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT THERE WAS A BEAST WHO'S FAILED TO CAPTURE HIM *TWICE*... BUT HASN'T GIVEN UP THE CHASE.

Y-YOU IDENTIFIED MY WEAKNESS RIGHT AWAY.

CHAK

YOU'RE RIGHT.

Parliament

I WON'T BE YOUR TEACHER.

A WOLF WHO PITIES HERBIVORES HAS NO CHANCE OF WINNING. BESIDES, I HATE YOU.

PLEASE TEACH ME THE SKILLS I NEED TO FIGHT AN HERBI-VORE!

PLEASE...

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN MONEY.

KYU, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE IN EXCHANGE?

I LIKE CARNIVORES WHO HAVE THE GUTS TO FIGHT ME ***AS AN EQUAL***.

WE'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE. WHAT IF HE PAYS YOU FOR YOUR LESSONS?

IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT YOUR ALL, I'LL CHASE YOU OUT OF HERE.

FULL ON. NO HOLDING BACK.

...AND A RAB-BIT.

...A SMALL ANIMAL ...

...AN HERBI-VORE...

SHE'S FE-MALE ...

PLUS...

I'LL RECONSIDER IF... YOU PUNCH ME ONCE WITH ***EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.***

...CUTE!

...IS REALLY...

...KYU...

WELL?

...BOTH MY STRENGTH AND MY WEAKNESS.

I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY TOWARD ANY FEMALE OTHER THAN HARU. I GUESS MY FETISH IS...

I'LL PUNCH HER.

ARE YOU GOING TO PUNCH ME OR NOT?

CAN HE DO IT?

I DON'T THINK SO.

AND THEN I'LL BE A POWERFUL, PERVY WOLF!

I'LL DO IT!

DO YOU ALWAYS FIGHT WITH THAT ROPE AND THOSE DAGGERS?

I WON'T PULL MY PUNCHES ...

...SO DON'T HOLD BACK!

ALWAYS. I NEED THEM TO CHANNEL ...

...MY IMAGINARY CHIMERA.

TO CONJURE AN IMAGINARY CHIMERA, YOU VISUALIZE WHAT YOU LACK. I LEARNED THIS TECHNIQUE FROM MY MASTER.

YOUR... IMAGINARY CHIMERA?

SO I BASED MY CHIMERA ON THEM.

I WAS IMPRISONED IN A CELL FOR YEARS BY CARNIVORES. I WAS TERRIFIED OF THEM.

IT'S FORMED OF HATRED AND...

...ENVY OF CARNIVORES.

A STRONG IMAGINARY CHIMERA LIKE MINE...

...REQUIRES INTENSE FEELINGS...

...ABOUT ANOTHER SPECIES.

...2! LEGOSHI IS LIFTING HIS EYES...

HE'S LOOKING AT KYU'S IMAGINARY CHIMERA. ONLY YOUR OPPONENT CAN SEE IT.

BEASTS WHO ARE INSECURE ABOUT THEIR BODIES CREATE THE BEST CHIMERAS. THE DEEPER THEIR INFERIORITY COMPLEX, THE STRONGER THEIR CHIMERA.

KYU SWINGS HER ROPE TO EXTEND HER SENSES AND ENLARGE HER PRESENCE. SHE USES HER DAGGERS TO CREATE HUGE, SHARP CLAWS.

THIS IS THE BODY I LONG FOR SO I CAN BE POWERFUL.

I DESPISE CARNIVORES. THEY BOUGHT AND SOLD HERBIVORES LIKE ME TO BE DEVOURED ALIVE. IF YOU HAVE AN OBSESSION LIKE I DO, REVEAL IT TO ME.

YOU'RE A WOLF. WHAT DO ***YOU*** LONG FOR?

IS MY...

...OBSESSION...

TO BE WITH...

...HARU FOREVER...

...FOR CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES TO COEXIST...

...MY MOST FERVENT WISH...

NO. I'M NOT THAT NOBLE. I HAVE ONLY ONE TRUE DESIRE.

...AND LIVE IN PEACE?

Z!

UM...

!!

COME ON!

7/5 Wednesday

HUF ...

HUF ...

...

TH-THAT WAS...

...MY IMAG-INARY CHIMERA?!

BUT YOU MANAGED TO CREATE YOUR CHIMERA ON YOUR FIRST TRY. YOUR OBSESSION SHOWS PROMISE.

NOW I WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL YOU PUNCH ME WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT.

COME HERE TO TRAIN EVERY DAY, STARTING TOMOR-ROW.

I KNEW YOU'D MISS.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF ROOMS... IF YOU DON'T MIND SLEEPING IN A JAIL CELL! HA HA!

HEY, IT'S LATE. WHY DON'T YOU TWO STAY THE NIGHT?

DO BEASTS GET BIGGER WHEN YOU COMBINE SPECIES?

A CHIMERA COMBINES MORE THAN ONE BEAST INTO ONE THAT'S HALF-CARNIVORE, HALF-HERBIVORE...

...IS HALF-LEOPARD, HALF-GAZELLE.

MELON...

...MY PSYCHE CREATED FOR A BRIEF MOMENT WAS LIKE WHAT HARU'S AND MY...

AND THE CHIMERA THAT...

SHOULD I?

...WHEN I BATTLE FROM NOW ON?

Hmm?

DO I NEED TO USE MY CHIMERA...

0

?!

7/5 Wednesday

YOU MANAGED TO CREATE A PRETTY GOOD CHIMERA THOUGH. I'VE BEEN THINKING HARD ABOUT WHY YOU REFUSED TO PUNCH ME EARLIER.

YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN SO FAR I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU 20 TIMES OVER.

KYU!

7/5 Wednesday

AND BECAUSE ...

THE REASON YOU COULDN'T PUNCH ME IS BECAUSE I'M FEMALE.

YEAH. THE ROOT CAUSE IS SIMPLE. AND THERE'S AN EASY WAY TO SOLVE IT.

IT'S B-BECAUSE I'M... INEXPERI-ENCED... ISN'T IT?

...YOU DON'T ***KNOW*** FEMALES YET...

END OF BEASTARS VOL. 18

To be con-
tinued...

Spoiler Alert

Bonus manga in which all Legoshi and company do is eat monja after he returned to Cherryton Academy

THANKS ...

I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE ALL THE TROUBLE WE WENT TO RESERVING A TABLE AT A MONJA RESTAU-RANT.

ALL RIGHT! TIME TO START THE WELCOME-BACK PARTY FOR LEGOSHI...

HOW COME YOU PICKED A MONJA RESTAU-RANT?

HERE, LE-GOSHI. YOU COOK IT.

Because he's the guest of honor

I GET IT. YOU DON'T THINK WE HAVE MUCH IN COMMON ANYMORE. THAT'S KIND OF SAD.

It's the perfect place for couples who're about to break up.

PINA THOUGHT WE SHOULD GO SOMEPLACE WHERE WE HAVE TO COOK OUR OWN FOOD BECAUSE WE WON'T HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.

THAT'S A LONG STORY. WE'D NEED 20 PAGES.

WHY DON'T WE TELL HIM ABOUT RAISING THE TRAUMA EGG?

AGHHH-!!

SPLASH

So serious

The three of them

TRUE. BUT THE ONLY REASON I GET SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE MANGA IS BECAUSE I'M SO GOOD-LOOKING. LUCKY ME. I SHOULD CALL MY PARENTS TO THANK THEM.

OH, REALLY? WELL, YOU SURE USED UP A LOT OF PAGES WITH YOUR REAP-PEARANCE.

YOU MAKE A CIRCLE, AND THEN YOU POUR THE LIQUID PART INSIDE IT. BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW.

SZZZL SZZZL

HUH? A CIRCLE?

What ?!

YOU NEED TO MAKE A CIRCLE FIRST! A CIRCLE!

What ?!

LEGOSHI, HAVEN'T YOU EVER MADE MONJA BEFORE?!

WE SHOULD'VE JUST GONE TO A CASUAL RESTAU-RANT.

UM... THIS IS TRICKY...

HUH? OH, WE JUST HAD TEA TOGETHER ...

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

SZZZL

FOR REAL?! A MALE, MIDDLE-AGED SPOTTED SEAL TOOK OFF ALL HIS CLOTHES IN FRONT OF YOU?

Bonus manga based on the two-page spread/monologue in chapter 148

...I'D BE SO HAPPY ...

IF YOU HAD SEX WITH ME AND DEVOURED ME...

IF I WERE A FEMALE RABBIT AND YOU WERE A MALE WOLF...

HI, I'M LEGOPI, A FEMALE RABBIT!

OH, HI, LEGOPI!

I'M SECRETLY IN LOVE WITH HARUNORI, A MALE GRAY WOLF (AND MEMBER OF THE GARDENING CLUB)!

I KNOW MY FEELINGS WILL NEVER BE REQUITED BECAUSE HE'S A DIFFERENT SPECIES.

THAT'S COOL!

HEY, I HEARD A RUMOR THAT YOU LIKE ME. IS IT TRUE?!

UH... UM...

Heh heh

WANNA GO ON A DATE? ♡

UH... UM...

LOVE & HAPPY HOTEL

I HAD A GREAT TIME TODAY. WHY DON'T WE TAKE A LITTLE BREAK IN HERE?

WHAT? BUT HARUNORI, ISN'T THIS PLACE A—?

DON'T BE NERVOUS. I HAVE A REPUTATION AS A CONSIDERATE LOVER. C'MON, LET'S GO.

B-BUT...

Vacancy

AW, LEGOSHI... YOU'RE SO NAIVE AND CUTE...

CHOMP

Ahhh...

SQUEEZE

He's relaxed and easygoing, but still assertive about his desires!

This is better. ♪

THE MALE CHARACTER BECAME MORE AGGRESSIVE WHEN I REVERSED THEIR GENDERS. THEY WENT ALL THE WAY IN CHAPTER 1 ALREADY! AND THAT WAS THAT.

That time I accidentally bought A4-size drawing paper (I always use B4)

Court is in session!

Emergency adjudication in my brain

I didn't realize my mistake until I had the drawing paper in front of me.

ARGHH!

Is this what a courtroom looks like...?

YOU ARE SENTENCED TO GO TO SEKAIDO RIGHT NOW AND BUY THE PAPER!

Judge

BANG

"OH, YOU POOR THING..." NOW BACK TO BUSINESS! IT'S PAST 8 P.M.! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO WASTE. YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

- Go to Sekaido art supply and buy B4-size drawing paper
- Go to bed and get the paper in the morning
- Cry and ask your editor to get the paper for you

Prose-cutor

PLEASE CONSOLE HER FIRST! SHE WAS ALL FINISHED WITH HER STORY-BOARDS AND ABOUT TO TAKE A BREAK WHEN SHE SUDDENLY REALIZED SHE'D BOUGHT THE WRONG DRAWING PAPER. GO ON! CONSOLE HER!

Law-yer

SEKAIDO

SHINJUKU STATION

South Exit

ZOOOOM

Whether a Canidae face looks old or young depends on the length of its muzzle

Canidae faces look mature if their muzzles are long and young if their muzzles are short.

I automatically draw Legoshi with a shorter muzzle when he's around adults so he looks younger. I draw him with a longer muzzle when he needs to look cool or mature.

Vol. 1	longish	
Vols. 2-5	shortish	
Vols. 6-9	longish	
Vols. 10-11	shortish	
Vol. 12	very long	Like this...

Legoshi has a superlong muzzle in vol. 12, both in the manga and on the cover. It's as long as Adam Driver's. His appearance must have changed because he started working a job.

ABOUT chapter 158
(contains spoilers)

"Possibilities, opportunities... My body and soul are chiseled and shaped by experience and time. But the beast I am in this exact moment is the only one I can be now. Maybe that's what it means to live in the moment" (ch. 158).

I thought about this line many times. I wasn't sure whether to include it in the manga. I stopped drawing when I considered how teenagers with bright futures might feel when they read it. But everyone is different. Whether readers interpret this line in a positive or negative way is up to them. That's manga. So I went ahead and included it.

There are many hardships in life.

But I believe the me I am right now is the me I both like and hate the most. The me I am right now is the me that's both the most cool and the most lame.

Every Hominidae has their own "mosts" that they struggle with. Everyone is trapped in the present moment of their reality.

I'd like to live my life in three dimensions, being created, chiseled, repaired, then chiseled again...like the creation of a magnificent statue. (I've abruptly switched modes to share my personal thoughts...)

Legoshi committed the sin of devouring meat, and Louis offered his leg to Legoshi. The shape of their beings were chiseled out in a defining way by those actions in vol. 11. Now their lives are being rebuilt. What sort of statues will they be in the end? I'm beginning to see how they will appear, and I'm charging ahead toward their ideal form.

It's 2:30 a.m. now, so my handwriting is messy. I hope it's not hard to read.*

*In the original Japanese

I've ended up writing something that sounds like another ambiguous, anonymous letter...
(I wrote my first one in vol. 16.)
I know it's lame to explain the lines I write, but this space is where I can talk about whatever bubbles up in my mind.

I WENT TO OKINAWA TO TRY MY HAND AT MAKING A SHISA (AN OKINAWAN GUARDIAN LION). MY MOM'S SHISA (THE ONE ON THE RIGHT) LOOKS LIKE IT HAS A PLEASANT PERSONALITY. I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO BE FRIENDS WITH IT. I WOULD NEVER WANT TO MEET MY SHISA (THE ONE ON THE LEFT) IF I COULD AVOID IT. THE SHISA YOU MAKE APPARENTLY TURNS OUT TO BE LIKE YOU.

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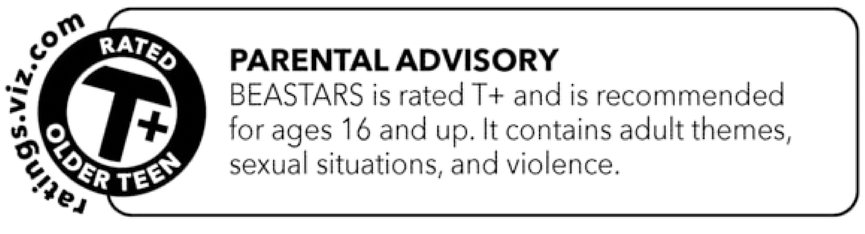
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